



## Candidate Statement

Prita Jobling-Baker

As Vice-President of Bicycle Network, I'm requesting you elect me, and President James Garriock, for a second term on the Board.

I was elected 3 years ago on a platform of building Bicycle Network's influence, prioritising advocacy for minimum passing distance legislation, and strong governance.

During these past three years. I have loved seeing the organisation thrive despite the challenges of Covid-19, celebrating the passage of minimum passing distance Road Rules and the increase in pop-up lanes and cycling infrastructure across Melbourne. I have worked with the BN Board and team as Vice-President, Chair of our Governance Committee and member of the Audit and Risk Committee.

A further three year term will allow me to continue working with the team at this critical juncture for cycling in Australia, and provide continuity and stability for the board and our new CEO, Alison McCormack.

For those who don't know me, I have pedalled with BN members for hundreds of kilometres as a pace setter and women's ambassador in BN Peaks Challenge and Around the Bay, and volunteered as a Ride to Work Day Bicycle Angel. As well as riding road and mountain bike for recreation, I commute by bike to work and shopping and my kids ride to school. This breadth of lived experience in different modes of cycling helps me understand members' concerns and motivations.

When not on the bike I work at Victoria Legal Aid, advocating for a better and fairer justice system. My professional experience has given me an understanding of victims' concerns, regulatory frameworks and legislation, strategy development and implementation, and the importance of good governance, transparency and accountability.

Just recently on vacation in Europe this year I had the pleasure of cycling in London, Amsterdam and France, where I felt safe cycling on roads with my children. I have experienced the tolerance and patience for bicycle riders of all types and speeds, that is possible when there is good infrastructure and a culture of respect. I want that for bicycle riders in Australia and have seen that it is possible.

I stand for safety and respect for all cyclists through my commuting, family and BN volunteer experience; integrity through my professional experience; and delivering further change for all BN members.