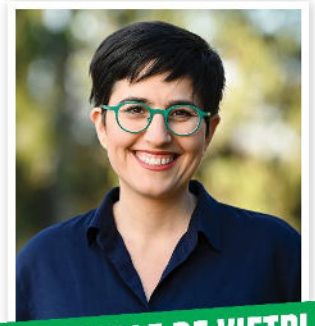


# A MESSAGE FROM GABRIELLE DE VIETRI



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FOR RICHMOND

## **What is your view regarding the current active transport infrastructure in your electorate?**

Richmond boasts several fantastic examples of successful implementation of active transport infrastructure, however there is still a lot more that is needed to make bike riding fully safe and accessible for everyone. As a passionate commuter cyclist, I'd feel much safer riding my bike if there were many more, well connected separated bike paths and safe bike riding infrastructure in Richmond. That's why, if elected, I've committed to fighting to make Richmond a much safer and more enjoyable place to ride a bike.

## **What actions will you take to improve active transport in your electorate?**

First up, we need to invest in protected bike lanes, 78 per cent of our population want to ride more but don't because they don't feel safe on our roads. To assist in making bike riding safer in the electorate of Richmond, I'm proposing the construction of 15 kilometres of new protected bike lanes. This could include a safe north/south and east/west bike riding route in the suburb of Richmond as well as new streets bike paths for streets such as Johnson st, Smith st and Brunswick st. Additionally, a number of investments are needed on the Main Yarra Trail, including a new bridge at Walmer st.

## **Active transport spending at the state level is less than 2 per cent. In your view, what is a 'fair spend' for active transport?**

I believe that a 'fair spend' on active transport, would be 10 - 20 per cent of all transport capital spending, with an annual incremental increase. Already at this election the Victorian Greens have announced a commitment of \$2.5 billion dollars to implement a 'Big Bike Build', including a number of separated bike 'superhighways'. This Big Build could also go towards the construction of safe pedestrian crossings, footpaths and accessible streets.



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