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Victorian Greens



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**RESPONSE:**

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

The current active transport infrastructure in Ringwood is good, but could be vastly improved. We have valuable separated bike tracks, such as the rail trail from Ringwood to Box Hill, the Dandenong Creek Trail, and the Eastlink Trail. However, I believe we need to invest more into linking these trails to make journeys using multiple tracks safe for all users, and to invest more into making our roads safer for bikes.

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

The Victorian Greens have committed \$2.5 billion dollars over the next four years to implement a 'Big Bike Build' with hundreds of kilometres of safe and separated bike lanes! In Ringwood, we will be very glad to fund an off-road trail linking Ringwood to Lilydale, and connecting the Rail Trail to the Pipeline Trail in Nunawading, among others, as suggested by the Metro East Bicycle User Group.

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

With transport as Victoria's biggest growing source of emissions, governments must do more to support people to make the switch to climate-friendly transport like bike riding and walking. The Greens' plan would move Victoria towards the goal of active transport funding being 10-20 per cent of transport capital funding as recommended by the United Nations.