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Candidate for Laverton

Victorian Greens



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RESPONSE:

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

Well, I believe that a lot of people prefer to use their bikes than driving cars. But as a local candidate I assure that I will be supporting this area strongly in any way I can.

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

I will continue to advocate on behalf of my electorate and support further infrastructure spending on bicycle infrastructure, so that my constituents will find it easier to cycle to their neighbourhood and community, and it reduces emissions from short-distance car travel as well. Further, with the development plans announced by the state government for the development of Sunshine, and the airport line, it will raise the values of homes in the area and contribute to further sustained spending here. This advocacy is also in line with our policies with the Australian Greens Victoria, attached below for your reference.

<https://greens.org.au/vic/policies/planning-policy>

<https://greens.org.au/vic/policies/sport-and-recreation-policy>

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?

I think more can be done for active transport spending in this electorate. Much of the electorate is still industrial, with residential areas being at the two ends of the electorate and a huge industrial area in the middle, with public transport serving the residential areas through the Sunbury line and the Werribee line. Better infrastructure linking residential areas to the stations can certainly be a priority to plan for. I will certainly advocate for better planned streets in the new housing settlements, so that cycling infrastructure can become part of the development, rather than an after-thought. Many of the new housing areas are planned with narrow streets, and plenty of residents parking on those streets presents a danger to those of us wanting to ride safely to the station, or the milk bar or the CBDs. I believe a fair spend can only be determined after a formal survey is done on residents to determine what expectations there are for the right kind of infrastructure that will care for bike riders, cyclists, motorists and commuters as well.