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Angelica Panopoulos, Candidate for Pascoe Vale

Victorian Greens

RESPONSE:

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

I believe that the current spend on active transport infrastructure is inadequate. In my role as a local Councillor, we consistently roll out separated bike lanes and pedestrian safety improvements, however our actions aren't matched at the state level. That's why we need a state MP who will actually advocate for substantial investment. This substantial investment must mean separated bike lanes, as this is what keeps all road users safe - not merely paint on a road.

In the lead up to the 2018 election, the sitting MP for Pascoe Vale committed to separated bike lanes on Cumberland Rd as part of the broader Glenroy to Coburg route. This was great, however on a late Friday Facebook post, the commitment was changed and there was a new announcement of a slightly different route with paint on the road as the infrastructure works - no physical separation.

It's examples like these that truly demonstrate that we need more investment in active transport infrastructure in Pascoe Vale and a local MP who will stand up and push for the very best for the most vulnerable in the community.

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

The Victorian Greens have committed to a \$2.5 billion 'Big Bike Build' over the next four years. This will include hundreds of kilometres of safe and protected bike lanes, as well as broader pedestrian safety upgrades. This will specifically impact the Pascoe Vale electorate, as the Big Build includes the proposal for a 'bike super highway' from Elsternwick to Coburg (Coburg is in the electorate).

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The Victorian Greens support an increase of the current spending amount up to 10-20%. This will reflect systemic investment in our active transport infrastructure and actually encourage more people to walk and ride throughout our communities.