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Felicity Frederico, Candidate for Brighton

Independent

## **RESPONSE:**

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

*The Brighton Electorate is fortunate to have the foreshore bike trail along the beach boundary of the electorate. We also have an off-road path along some of the Nepean Hwy.*

*We also having walking paths along the foreshore, plus various recreational paths around Dendy and Elsternwick Parks, and similar open spaces.*

*Brighton lacks:*

- *A commitment to active transport, in particular when new developments and infrastructure is being considered.*
- *Protected bike and walking paths near schools, in particular primary schools. Sadly, and dangerously, private vehicles are given priority.*
- *Bike paths and bike parking in and around shopping hubs such as Hampton St, Church St, Bay St and Ormond Road.*
- *Connected walking and cycling paths between major activity centres.*
- *Gaps between on-road bike lanes - there's not an effective network of bike lanes.*
- *Education and support for members of our community who want to be more active.*

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

*Improved active transport will require advocacy across council, State and National governments. As an independent candidate with more than 25 years spent working with all levels of government I am well positioned to drive these changes, and I commit to that advocacy.*

*In particular I will advocate for legislated active transport usage targets (see below).*

*I will also pursue a policy where any tax incentives for private vehicles includes bikes and e-bikes.*

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

*Current spending is insufficient - the physical and mental health benefits alone justify increased spending. I believe it should be 10% or greater of transport spend.*

*But rather than "spend" I prefer that we set targets for active transport use. If elected I will advocate for legislated active transport targets to be the responsibility of the State Department of Transport, with annual reporting and VAGO auditing. These targets should increase each year. Targets will drive action. I will hold the government to account on these targets.*