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Victorian Greens

RESPONSE:

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

In Oakleigh district, we enjoy having the Djerring trail running alongside the Pakenham/Cranbourne train line, as well as the scenic Scotchman's Creek trail, both of which are evidence that dedicated cycling trails are incredibly beneficial and well enjoyed by the community. However, outside of that, there is little separated cycling infrastructure. There's nothing quite like the anxiety you feel watching a cyclist braving the Princes Highway or Warrigal Road to deter one from taking up cycling. That is a tremendous shame. We know that 2/3 of Australians (including myself) would love to ride bicycles or walk more, and are prevented from doing so because there just aren't enough safe bike lanes, footpaths, and crossings.

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 4 years as part of our "Big Bike Build" to create hundreds of kilometers of safe and separated bike lanes around Melbourne and Victoria. Combined with our push for increased public transport, this translates to less cars on the road and more people taking up cycling! That's great news for our incidental exercise (leading to benefits in physical and mental health), as well as reducing our carbon emissions.

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?

The Greens' plan for active transport funding would shift us towards 10-20% of transport capital funding (in line with recommendations from the United Nations).