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James Searle, Candidate for Bendigo West

Australian Greens

RESPONSE:

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

There are some areas which have some good shared paths and other infrastructure but in general there is a lot of room for improvement. We need major investment to make our streets safer for cyclists and pedestrians.

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. I would consult with local bicycle user groups and the local councils to identify the best routes in Bendigo West.

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 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 and as is being adopted in many other countries, particularly where we see a power-sharing Greens government.