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Sarah Dekiere, Candidate for Brighton

Victorian Greens

## **RESPONSE:**

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

Riding around the Brighton electorate the connections between safe riding pathways are minimal or absent. Brighton includes Elwood, Brighton, Brighton East, and some of Hampton and Hampton east. This region is next on the greens list for massive upgrades as we spread from the inner city outwards. The greens have a proven track record, when there are greens on local councils, and where there are greens in state seats such as Sam Hibbins in Prahran, active transport becomes a main priority in that area.

And it's not just us here in Brighton that we need this. More than two-thirds of people in Victoria want to walk and ride their bikes more. But Victoria doesn't have enough safe bike lanes, walking paths and crossings, so people don't always have the option. For too long the Victorian Labor Government has underinvested in making riding and walking safer and more accessible. To support people to take up walking and bike riding, we need more safe bike lanes and better paths and crossings.

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

If elected I will advocate for protected bike lanes from our electorate to the city, as well as connections within the local area.

### **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 includes \$2.5 billion for a Big Bike Build of hundreds of kilometres of separated bike lanes and paths across metropolitan Melbourne and regional centres. The funding would also go towards upgrades to our streets, footpaths and crossings to make them safer and easier for people to walk around.