

STREETS FOR PEOPLE

MAKING IT EASIER TO WALK AND CYCLE

Bikes and scooters are a great way to get around Canberra - whether that's to the local shops or school, or for some people, a commute to work. It's fun, it's healthy and it's cheaper than running a car. More Canberrans would like the option to ride.

Driving around Canberra is slower and more expensive than ever. But most of us don't have a choice as Canberrans are locked into driving cars.

Cars dominate town centres and school drop-offs across most of Canberra, making it harder to walk and ride - and more dangerous for everyone.

The ACT Greens have a plan for a world-class, connected path network across our city that gives everybody the freedom to choose how they move.

THE ACT GREENS WILL:

- ▲ Deliver a city-wide, off-road bike network by 2030
- ▲ Invest in safe, separated bike paths - not painted lines
- ▲ Offer \$500 for Canberrans to take up e-bikes
- ▲ Fund programs to help more Canberrans learn to ride
- ▲ Make it easier for people to ride and scoot, with better facilities at our schools, workplaces and town centres.

MAKING IT EASIER TO GET AROUND CANBERRA

A CITY-WIDE OFF-ROAD BIKE NETWORK BY 2030

We want as many Canberrans as possible to choose walking and riding. But without a city-wide network of paths, it isn't an option for most people.

The ACT already has a city-wide map that shows where we need to invest, but there is no plan to make it happen. The ACT Greens want to turn this map into a reality by 2030, delivering the entire project within six years and giving Canberrans the infrastructure they need.

Our plan will deliver 135km of new separated bike paths, fixing many of the missing connections in neighbourhoods across the city and boosting our path network. This is both achievable and ambitious, and would make cycling easier whether you live in Belconnen or Banks, Turner or Taylor.

WHAT'S THE INVESTMENT?

- \$36 million per year, for six years

REAL, OFF-ROAD BIKE PATHS - NOT PAINTED LINES

More of us would choose to walk and ride if we didn't have to compete with cars on roads. But many people who cycle around Canberra are forced onto

the road and have to rely on thin, painted cycle lanes.

Paint is not infrastructure, and these lines don't offer people enough safety. This danger stops many from getting on the bike.

By separating bikes from cars, we can ensure that more people, especially women and families with children, feel safer choosing to ride where they need to go.

Whenever we upgrade a road or run a capital project, we should include separated paths wherever we can.

WHAT'S THE INVESTMENT?

- Funded from existing resources

SUPPORTING ELECTRIC BIKES AND CARGO BIKES

To encourage more riding, we will provide \$500 rebates for Canberrans to take up new e-bikes and cargo bikes from local retailers, with a limit of one bike per person.

This fund would support up to 10,000 new e-bike purchases. [Funds like these](#) have been shown to boost the purchase of e-bikes, and encourage more people to ride.

WHAT'S THE INVESTMENT?

- \$5 million for the fund, with \$250,000 to administer the rebates

MODERN FACILITIES FOR CYCLISTS AT THE END OF THEIR TRIP

Many Canberrans want to ride to work, but don't have anywhere to shower, store their bike, or put their valuables. The ACT Greens would turn the ACT Government into a model employer for cyclists, providing more choices to ACT Public Servants who want to ride to work.

We want all medium and large workplaces to have secure bike storage, showers and lockers so that ACT Public Servants can make the choice to ride.

Each workplace will be different, and some might make upgrades as part of other planned works. Others might be able to repurpose existing storage rooms. New buildings should have these facilities from day one.

The ACT Greens will embark on a plan to make all of this happen.

WHAT'S THE INVESTMENT?

- \$250,000 for an audit, end-of-trip facilities policy, and an implementation plan for all ACT Government workplaces

MORE BIKE STORAGE FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

Canberra's school students should be able to walk and ride to school safely. The ACT Greens want more secure bike parking at our schools to help make that possible.

We will set a target for ACT Public Schools to provide bike parking for one third of all student enrolments. This will complement our plan for more school crossing supervisors and raised pedestrian crossings around our local schools.

WHAT'S THE INVESTMENT?

- Funded from existing resources

HELPING MORE CANBERRANS LEARN TO RIDE

Better and safer paths, more crossings and other improvements are great - but not everyone can ride a bike. The ACT Greens will fund programs that we know work to get more people into riding, so that more of us can benefit from a more pedestrian and bike-friendly city.

We will also work with e-scooter rental companies to enforce the rules around parking and path networks, and educate drivers about obstructing paths and bike lanes.

WHAT'S THE INVESTMENT?

- \$1M per year

MORE BIKE PARKS IN OUR TOWN AND CITY CENTRES

The ACT Greens want every local shopping centre, town and city centre to have somewhere for people to park their bike.

We will ensure that all local shops, public schools, and busy areas have bike parking available - just as we would expect for car parking. We also want our town and city centres to have secure, sheltered bike storage available.

All of this will make it easier for more people to ride more often.

WHAT'S THE INVESTMENT?

- Funded from existing resources

BIKE PARKING THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE

Bike racks and bike parking should be high quality, secure and accessible for scooters and other kinds of devices. But many are impractical and unsuitable for different types of bikes and scooters.

The ACT Greens will ensure that all public bike racks are useable by bikes, e-scooters and other common devices. We will also make sure that bike racks on private developments meet these requirements.

WHAT'S THE INVESTMENT?

- No additional cost