



# A BETTER WAY FOR CYCLING

## PUTTING LOW-IMPACT TRANSPORT FIRST

Riding a bike, whether for fun or as a means of transport, is good for a person's individual fitness, but also has great communal benefits.

Economically, it is much cheaper to provide quality facilities for cycling than it is to build ever wider roads, freeways, tunnels and overpasses. More people using bikes leads to reduced traffic congestion too. A healthier, active population also uses fewer health services, freeing up resources to deal with those who really need them. With pollution-free transport, the environmental benefits of cycling are obvious. Yet even though bikes have outsold cars for the last 12 years in Australia, most people don't ride regularly. Much of the reason for this lies in the state of our roads and the fact that cyclists' needs have been ignored for decades. In fact, less than 1% of the Transport budget is currently spent on bicycle facilities.

The Greens are committed to making South Australia an easier and safer place to cycle.

## TAKING ACTION

The Greens aim to make cycling more appealing by creating a safer environment for cyclists of all ages and abilities.



The Greens will:

- ▲ Legislate for safe passing distances between motor vehicles and cyclists;
- ▲ Call for at least 1% of the total transport budget to be spent on cycling infrastructure and programmes;
- ▲ Provide safer riding by expanding on-road and off-road infrastructure such as bicycle lanes and bicycle paths;
- ▲ Design and develop a cycling strategy for SA (to replace the one that expired in 2010) together with local councils, community groups and other stakeholders;
- ▲ Ensure new roads and road upgrades provide both on-road and off-road facilities for cyclists of varying abilities;
- ▲ Increase funding to cycling infrastructure for both purposeful and recreational cycling;
- ▲ Invest in safe and secure public bike storage around the CBD, at all train stations, 'park'n'ride' stations and public transport interchanges;
- ▲ Ensure that end-of-trip facilities (such as bike storage, showers and lockers) are provided in all new commercial, industrial or multi-dwelling developments; and
- ▲ Reduce bicycle theft and improve recovery of stolen bicycles by promoting voluntary GPS tracking of bicycles.