



# WALKABLE CITIES

## A BETTER WAY TO GET ABOUT

In many local communities, it's difficult to walk anywhere because there are no footpaths. Neighbourhoods have been designed around the car. Making places easy to get around on foot has many benefits to individuals and communities. More people walking means less traffic, and frees up roads and parking spaces. When cities and suburbs are designed with walking in mind, they have more local shops and services, shaded footpaths and safe, easy crossing of roads.

## TAKING ACTION

The Greens aim to make our cities and suburbs pedestrian friendly. We know that if planners get the infrastructure right, people will find it easier and more enjoyable to walk to local destinations such as shops, schools and parks.



The Greens will:

- ▲ Increase use of timed crossings that show the length of time remaining before traffic signals change;
- ▲ Make sure pedestrian crossing lights give sufficient time for pedestrians to cross, with reduced waiting time between cycles;
- ▲ Look at areas where many people already walk to see if they can be enhanced by planting trees, reducing speed limits or closing side streets to through traffic;
- ▲ Create easy and safe pedestrian routes to shopping areas, schools and service hubs from surrounding residential areas;
- ▲ Develop and implement a street tree plan for greater Adelaide and all major regional centres, to improve air quality, reduce temperatures on hot days, and increase shade for pedestrians;
- ▲ Ensure all new housing estates include footpaths or slow-speed shared road spaces; and
- ▲ Develop a Pedestrian Strategy for Adelaide and major regional centres.



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