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Mark Worthington
President
BIKEast

Sent via: markw2022@gmail.com

Dear Mark

I refer to the BIKEast election policy platform for a connected bicycle network across Sydney and the eastern suburbs. I share your vision for sustainable active transport system that ensures that anyone who can ride a bike has access to safe and efficient bike paths.

Cycling is a clean and healthy transport option that can reduce traffic and public transport congestion, while reducing pollution but I am concerned that New South Wales is failing to treat it as a real transport alternative. While massive investment is being allocated to destructive road projects like the WestConnex, most cycling moves in recent years have been retrograde, including increased fines for cycling offences, removal of the College Street separated cycleway and postponement of the Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleway. We have stalled on important projects to connect existing paths that would create journeys that are entirely safe for cyclists of all different abilities.

In response to your questions, I am committed to working to achieve a regional bike route network and support your calls for \$412 million over four years in funding. I support the projects you identify and will also advocate for links between the new inner city high school and the east. I will lobby for funding for strategies that prioritise active transport including the Safe-Streets Neighbourhood approach and getting students to ride and walk to school.

Supporting active transport so that people who can ride a bike feel safe to do so remains a priority of mine and if re-elected, I hope to work with you to improve Sydney's cycling infrastructure.

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich
Member for Sydney

