

Australian Bicycle Organisations 2016 Election Position

\$10 PER PERSON TO DELIVER BETTER COMMUNITIES AND \$1 BILLION TO THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY

PARTICIPATION 4 million

17.4% of Australians cycling in a typical week for an average of 2hr 45mins (6) but many more would with better paths & bikeways. (7)



IMPROVE AIR QUALITY 1450 lives

Bikes are a zero pollution mode. In 2000, air pollution from motor vehicles was responsible for 900-2000 premature deaths across Australia. (9)



REDUCE CONGESTION \$16.5 billion

Bikes can move people more efficiently in congested road space. Congestion cost Australian economy \$16.5bn in 2015 (2a) and threatens to cost \$53bn by 2031. (2b)



SAFETY \$1.3 billion

Investment in safer environments is key to reducing incidence of trauma & death amongst cyclists, which cost \$1.3bn in 2013. (15, 16)



PHYSICAL INACTIVITY \$13.8 billion

A 15min each way commute provides the daily requirements. Physical inactivity was responsible for 14,000 deaths in 2003 (4) and cost the economy \$13.8bn. (5)



BICYCLE TOURISM \$2.4 billion

Investment in bike trails creates regional economic development. Cycle tourism spending is about \$2.4bn. (1)

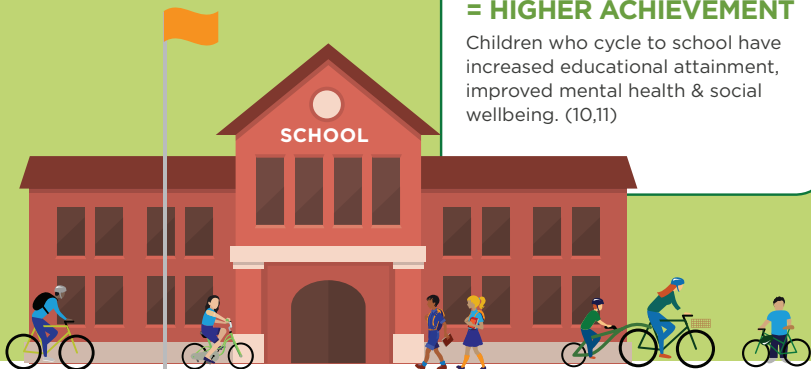


EMPLOYMENT + SALES 10,000 + \$1.1 billion

\$1bn sales each year = \$100m GST revenue 10,000 jobs and \$139m income tax revenue each year. (17)

CYCLING TO SCHOOL = HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT

Children who cycle to school have increased educational attainment, improved mental health & social wellbeing. (10,11)



IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY \$61.9m

Regular bicycle riders take one less sick day than non-riders (8a), saving businesses \$61.9m a year. (8b) (8c)



BIKE OWNERSHIP 52% of homes

More than half of Australian homes have at least one working bicycle (6) that could be used more often for short, local trips.



WHY INVEST?

- Make it possible for our children to ride and walk to school again. 50% of children who live within 2km of school are driven! For every kilometre walked, studies have shown that each additional kilometre walked per day was associated with a 4.8% reduction in the likelihood of obesity (12) and children are more likely to achieve educational goals when physically active at school (11).
- Build the paths and bikeways and Australians will use them to be active every day. Around half of all trips in Australian cities are less than 5km - a distance that can be easily cycled in 20 minutes or less.
- Cycling for daily short trips is a cheap, healthy and accessible option - more than half of the Australians not now cycling for transport would consider it if conditions were better! (7)
- Every dollar invested in bikeways pays back \$3.88 to the economy — the Inner Sydney Regional Bike Network alone (on Infrastructure Australia's priority list at \$175m) would provide close to a \$800 million dollars in economic benefit (13)
- The primary reason people don't ride is safety - investment in a safer environment for cyclists helps to remove that barrier. A safe system requires improving infrastructure, road users and vehicles and is key to reducing the incidence of trauma & death amongst cyclists which has a financial cost of \$1.3bn per annum (15,16).
- In Australia in 2013-14, each kilometre of bike infrastructure cost an average of \$835,000 (14) but can cost up to \$1.5m or more in cities, a kilometre of road will get you 110 km of bikeway (3).

BETTER COMMUNITIES

'Australia's bicycle organisations call on the next Government to invest in Australia's future by enabling more people to ride their bikes every day through an infrastructure investment of \$10 per person per year.

This investment relieves our congested cities and local communities, helps solve our sedentary lifestyle crisis and provides improved liveability with economic, safety and environmental benefits.

Making this investment will benefit the Australian economy up to \$1 billion each year.'

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