

Prior to the 2023 NSW Government Election, BIKEast surveyed all candidates in five the Eastern Suburbs electorates of Coogee, Heffron, Maroubra, Sydney and Vaucluse to gauge support for cycling in the region. The survey asked four questions reproduced below. Question 3, relating to support for important bicycle network projects differed for each electorate.

Dear candidate,

Cycling is the most sustainable form of urban transport with significant benefits for physical, mental and social health. A bike-friendly city is:

- more liveable, equitable and economically prosperous.
- more accessible and safer for pedestrians and drivers.

BIKEast is asking candidates in all Eastern Suburbs electorates a few questions to get a sense of each candidate's vision for active transport in our city. We will publicise the results of this survey prior to the election to give voters a clear idea of each candidate's support for cycling.

The deadline for responding to the survey is 5pm Thursday 16 March

Action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve community health outcomes

Transport is the one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions in Australia, and transport emissions have risen every year since 1990 (18% in 2020). Physical inactivity is the 4th leading preventable cause of death in Australia.

Question 1: *Do you agree that the NSW Government should be funding and building a network of safe bike routes to encourage more people to ride bicycles, and that this network can play an important role in tackling the urgent climate and health crises?*

Creating 'better streets' where we live and to get to places where we work, learn, shop and play

Question 2: *Will you support measures such as lowering traffic speeds on residential / village shopping streets to 30 km/h - to create a safer and more liveable environment where people of all ages can safely ride bikes from their homes to access schools, shopping centres, the beaches/parks, sports venues or workplaces?*

Support for new cycling infrastructure in each of the five Eastern Suburbs electorates

Question 3 (Coogee): *The newly completed cycleways through Bondi Junction and along Darley Road in Queens Park are significant improvements to make cycling safer and easier in the area, but these cycleways do not connect to major destinations, such as the beaches, shops and residential centres. Will you support the development of the following projects to create a safe, separated network and enable cycling to become a viable transport alternative for more people?*

- *Queens Park to Bronte via Macpherson Street*
- *South Coogee to Kingsford via Bundock and Sturt Streets, connecting to the Kingsford to Centennial Park via the cycleway being constructed on Doncaster Ave and Houston Rd*
- *Bondi Junction to Randwick and UNSW, linking two critical regional service centres, and also connecting to the Darley Rd / Macpherson Street Cycleway and the Bondi Junction Cycleway*

Question 3 (Heffron): *The southern expansion of the City of Sydney Cycleway network beyond Green Square, and the cycleways currently under construction by the City of Randwick funded by the NSW Government, are significant improvements which will make cycling safer and easier. Will you support development of the following projects to create a safe, separated network and enable cycling to become a viable transport alternative for more people?*

- *Todman Avenue / Lenthall Street Cycleways linking Green Square to Randwick, UNSW and Centennial Park via the Kingsford to Centennial Park Cycleway currently under construction*
- *Coward Street Airport-Link Cycleway linking the Mascot Station precinct and Sydney Airport*

- *Cooks River Green Bridge – a safe crossing for cyclists and pedestrians linking City of Sydney Southern Gateway Routes to the primary bicycle commuter / recreational routes serving the Botany Bay suburbs and the Cronulla peninsular*

Question 3 (Maroubra): *The NSW Government funded cycleway currently under construction between Centennial Park and Kingsford is a significant improvement which will make cycling safer and easier. Will you support the development of the following projects to extend the local bike route network to serve more people within the next term of government?*

- *Kingsford to Maroubra Junction/Heffron Park Cycleway*
- *South Maroubra to Eastgardens (via Maroubra Rd)*
- *Anzac Parade Cycleway - linking Maroubra Junction to La Perouse*

Question 3 (Sydney): *The NSW Government funded cycleways currently built or under construction by the City of Sydney are significant improvements to the local/regional network of bike routes which will make cycling safer and easier. Will you support the development of the following projects to extend the local bike route network to serve more people within the next term of government?*

- *Completing the missing link in the King Street Cycleway between Pitt St and Clarence St to create a City Cycle Loop providing safe and convenient circulation for cyclists in the CBD?*
- *Oxford Street East Cycleway, a missing link to connect the City of Sydney CBD Cycleways to Bondi Junction via Paddington, (currently in planning as a major urban improvement project)?*
- *East Sydney Gateway Cycleway linking the Sydney CBD to Rushcutters Bay, Paddington and Edgecliff*

Question 3 (Vaucluse): *With the recent completion of the separated cycleway through Bondi Junction, it is now possible for people of all ages and abilities to cycle safely between Centennial Park and through Bondi Junction, but the cycleway does not connect to major destinations such as the beaches and residential centres. Will you support development of the following projects to create a safe, separated network and enable cycling to become a viable transport alternative for more people?*

- *Bondi Junction to Bondi Beach via Old South Head Road, Victoria Road, Birriga Road and Curlewis Street (Curlewis Street Cycleway is planned for construction in 2023)*
- *Bondi Beach to Rose Bay Wharf and shops via O’Sullivan Road Cycleway*
- *New South Head Road Cycleway, Edgecliff, connecting to the City of Sydney’s cycle network at Rushcutters Bay*

Reducing barriers to making Sydney a bike-friendly city

BIKEast believes that, in addition to adequate funding, strong and effective leadership by the NSW Government is essential to ensure the completion of a regional network of safe cycleways in Sydney. To expedite the completion of this network, all new cycleway projects (such as those listed above) should be considered State Significant infrastructure.

Question 4: *Are you prepared to work with NSW Government agencies, local councils, BIKEast and other community groups to reduce the systemic barriers that currently delay the planning and constructing of safe, separated cycleways and implementation of other measures to support active transport?*

Thank you for participating in this survey.



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2023 NSW Election – Candidates’ Survey Replies for COOGEE

Candidates name	Party	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	General comment
Luisa Murray	Sustainable Australia	Yes. Whilst we have seen some progress in making Sydney more bike friendly, a lot more needs to be done. Investment in safe bike infrastructure has significant human and environmental health benefits, so Sustainable Australia Party is prioritising better and safer bicycle networks, alongside improving "walkability" and public transport systems. We will work proactively with governments and BikEast to achieve that.	Yes. We need to address the barriers that prevent people from riding their bikes, including safety concerns that are related to traffic speed limits. I support a review of the local situation on a case by case basis, including options to reduce speed limits where it is appropriate (and outweighs potential unintended impacts, e.g. slowing down public buses). Another area that needs tackling is creating secure bike parking, particularly near major transport hubs, e.g. near tram or train stations, so that people are able to easily switch between bike and public transport.	Yes. These routes are major arteries in high demand but currently not bike friendly/safe. This leads to avoidable congestion, especially around peak commuter times and that will only get worse with an increasing population in the East. I support investment in cycleways, as they will benefit cyclists AND drivers and users of public transport.	Yes. Sustainable Australia Party will work proactively with governments and community organisations such as BIKEast to achieve a network of safe cycleways.	
Kylie von Muenster	Liberal					<p>I am very supportive of the NSW Government's Active Transport Strategy released in Dec last year. I am sure you are familiar with it! as it promotes walking and cycling and supports a connected cycling infrastructure across NSW.</p> <p>Networked active transport was very much a focus of my course in city planning and I have an interest in this area. I also personally love cycling with my daughters on the local cycleways.</p>
Marjorie O'Neill	Labor	Active transport is a huge passion and hobby of mine. Our communities need better and safer	I am so proud that in my time as a local councillor on Waverley Council we were able to reduce	No response	Over the past 4 years I have met with many local community members and local about reducing	

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		infrastructure to support cyclists and those who want to integrate cycling, walking and public transport in their day to day lives. I believe that the role of Government is to improve quality of living, not only in the present but for future generations too, so it's important to support an active transport network to tackle climate change, improve physical and mental health outcomes, and to make our communities feel more connected.	traffic speeds to 40km/h in key areas to achieve a safer and more liveable local environment for everyone utilising active transport. I've met with many local community members and groups about this issue and am happy to announce that we are working with local councils to identify areas to trial 30km/h zones to make our community safer for everyone, especially children making their way to school on bike, elderly pedestrians, cyclists, and parents juggling children and prams.		barriers to better active transport networks in our community. I have advocated to government agencies, met with and worked closely with council to identify key issues and areas of improvement, and helped spearhead local initiatives based on recommendations from locals. I am committed to continuing to do this and ensuring a whole-of-government, holistic approach to active transport is taken for our community.	
Alicia Mosquera	Informed Medical Options					<i>No response received</i>
Rafaela Pandolfini	Greens					Response received on behalf of all NSW Greens candidates. <i>See Greens NSW Cycle Friendly Policy:</i> https://greens.org.au/nsw/policies/cycle-friendly-nsw
Simon Garrod	Animal Justice Party					<i>No response received</i>

2023 NSW Election – Candidates’ Survey Replies for HEFFRON

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Rachel Evans	Socialist Alliance					<i>No response received</i>
Linda Paull	Animal Justice Party					I would very much support more cycleways around those congested areas, particularly around Green Square and Randwick. I also support the constructions of more safe cycleways so would consider these to be significant infrastructure. The AJP is very much in favour of greener, more liveable cities for people and wildlife and you concerns are in alignment with our values.
Francis Devine	Liberal					<i>No response received</i>
Sarina Kilham	Independent	Yes - safe bike routes need to be designed, funded and purpose-built with supporting infrastructure. Several of the current 'so-called' bike-routes in our electorate aren't safe to use, end-suddenly and negatively impact local residents and businesses. It shouldn't be like this. I own a Yuba Mundo longtail (ebike) so I could cycle with my kids since they were infants - now they can cycle independently. Within 5km of our houses there are many parks, pools and libraries but we've got to carefully choose our cycle routes. Local councils are trying their best, but it is a state infrastructure issue. Imagine if the funds from Westconnex had instead funded a "Bike-Connex" for our city! It would have	Yes- one of my key Climate Action commitments is for 20-minute-Suburbs where residents can access shops, schools, work and recreation within 20 minutes of their home by walking, cycling, or public transport. There is strong evidence for 30km/h being the appropriate speed to reduce pedestrian road deaths	I will support a safe, separated network that community consultation and evidence shows are the best routes and highest priorities for the electorate of Heffron. Specifically, I will prioritise routes that support cycling commuters- whether school students, uni students, families or professionals. I'm not familiar with these 3 specific projects or the background to them - so a tentative yes if they are the best, evidence-based priorities for the electorate	Yes of course!. This is an excellent example of why I'm standing as an Independent - because there are local issues that need action and an MP who can negotiate, liaise and work with a range of stakeholders whilst putting residents (not party politics) first. As part of my election platform, I've committed to reform our planning mechanisms to account for climate change and our new urban normal of working-from-home. In NSW we need to create smart, fast public transport systems at local and intra-metropolitan levels to support residents to be less-car dependent	

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		probably made a bigger impact on reducing traffic and travel times than Westconnex ever could.				
Philipa Veitch	Greens					Response received on behalf of all NSW Greens candidates. See <i>Greens NSW Cycle Friendly Policy</i> : https://greens.org.au/nsw/policies/cycle-friendly-nsw
Ron Hoenig	Labor					<i>No response received</i>
Ann Godfrey	Sustainable Australia					To help Prioritise the most ecologically sustainable and congestion-free public and private transport systems the Sustainable Australia Party will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower the cost of urban, regional and rural public transport by at least 50 per cent • Expand state-based rail and/or bus networks, in preference to building more roads(1) • "According to the Royal College of Physicians the early deaths of around 29,000 people in the UK each year are linked to particle pollution, which is more than the 23,500 premature deaths attributed to nitrogen dioxide." BBC News • Build better and safer bicycle networks • Build better and safer pedestrian infrastructure • Encourage transport-sharing schemes, including cars • While prioritising public transport systems, support the uptake of electric vehicles and related infrastructure • Reduce registration fees for electric and smaller cars • Improve the safety and efficiency of

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						<p>the road system, particularly in regional and rural Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade Australia's freight rail infrastructure in order to boost national productivity and remove truck journeys from our roads • Fully assess the viability of interstate high speed train opportunities. Importantly, this should be based on the assumption of stabilising Australia's population as soon as practicable • Oppose second major airports in any of Australia's eight capital cities • Stabilise Australia's population size as soon as practicable (also see Sustainable Population & immigration (Australia) policy)(2) • Conduct an enquiry into the feasibility of a majority Australian-owned electric car company. An initial objective would include the potential mass production, for Australia and potential export, of a small-to-medium utilitarian electric commuter car for urban use

2023 NSW Election – Candidates’ Survey Replies for MAROUBRA

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Roderick Aguilar	Informed Medical Options					<i>No response received</i>
Kym Chapple	Greens					Response received on behalf of all NSW Greens candidates. <i>See Greens NSW Cycle Friendly Policy:</i> https://greens.org.au/nsw/policies/cycle-friendly-nsw
Monique Isenheim	Sustainable Australia	Absolutely! Whilst we have seen some progress in making Sydney more bike friendly, a lot more needs to be done. Investment in safe bike infrastructure has significant human and environmental health benefits, so Sustainable Australia Party is prioritising better and safer bicycle networks, alongside improving "walkability" and public transport systems. We will work proactively with governments and BikEast to achieve that.	We need to address the barriers that prevent people from riding their bikes, including where this includes safety concerns that are related to traffic speed limits. I support a review of the local situation on a case by case basis, including options to reduce speed limits where it is appropriate (and outweighs potential unintended impacts, e.g. slowing down public buses). Another area that needs tackling is creating secure bike parking, particularly near major transport hubs, e.g. near tram or train stations, so that people are able to easily switch between bike and public transport.	Definitely. These routes are major arteries in high demand but currently not bike friendly/safe. This leads to avoidable congestion, especially around peak commuter times and that will only get worse with an increasing population in the East. I support investment in cycleways, as they will benefit cyclists AND drivers and users of public transport.	We will work proactively with governments and community organisations such as BikEast to achieve a network of safe cycleways.	<i>[on linkedin messages]:</i> I remember my first time biking in Australia - back in 2005 on Paramatta Road all the way to Homebush - and people would go crazy that I was taking their space on the road. Lots of honking that day 😊 We've come a fair bit since then but still so far away from so many other places in the world that are much more bikable. I think apart from the bike lanes there is a need for clear and secure bike parking, especially at public transport hubs. Where do you park your bike when you want to bike to the train or light rail station and catch public transport from there ? <i>[at the top of the email]:</i> Thanks a lot for reaching out! Fully supportive of prioritising better cycleways in the East and all of NSW really - much to do to bring us to the level of

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						"bikeability" of many places in Europe.
Michael Daley	Labor					<i>No response received</i>
Holly Williamson	Animal Justice Party	<p>Yes, the Animal Justice Party (AJP) recognises that the NSW Government needs a national shift to prioritise environmentally-friendly modes of transport, cycling and walking being the most effective forms of transport at reducing greenhouse gas emissions (10 times more effective than electric cars). The AJP sees that we must disembed our car-dependent lifestyle with its heavy fossil fuel use and carbon-intensive infrastructure, so the shift to active transport needs to be concurrent with changes in urban and inter-city planning and development, with the wellbeing of animals and people factored into the design. A network of safe bike routes is an important part of our Land Transport policy:</p> <p>https://www.animaljusticeparty.org/land_transport and we see the links between the infrastructure the NSW Government chooses to prioritise and the climate crisis (land clearing, carbon emissions, wildlife deaths on the road and reduced populations due to habitat destruction) and the health</p>	<p>Yes, for village shopping streets. Yes for residential streets where there is no bike lane separated from the road with a partition. In addition to a safer environment for cyclists and pedestrians, it will also reduce the number of wildlife and domestic animal deaths on roads.</p>	Absolutely.	Absolutely.	<p>Thank you for reaching out to me. The Animal Justice Party advocates for cycleways throughout Australia, it is one of the most effective way of reaching our greenhouse emissions targets.</p>

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		crises caused by physical inactivity. Personally, having lived in Rotterdam for 3 years and only travelling by bike within the city, I understand the importance of safe bike paths in urban environments and connecting cities. I found cycling in Sydney too stressful and dangerous so I gave it up.				
Bill Burst	Liberal					<i>No response received</i>

2023 NSW Election – Candidates’ Survey Replies for SYDNEY

Candidates name	Party	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	General comment
Skye Tito	Labor					<i>No response received</i>
Alex Greenwich	Independent					<i>No response received</i>
Mark Whitton	Sustainable Australia	Yes. Whilst we have seen some progress in making Sydney more bike friendly, a lot more needs to be done. Investment in safe bike infrastructure has significant human and environmental health benefits, so Sustainable Australia Party is prioritising better and safer bicycle networks, alongside improving "walkability" and public transport systems. We will work proactively with governments and BikEast to achieve that.	Yes. We need to address the barriers that prevent people from riding their bikes, including safety concerns that are related to traffic speed limits. I support a review of the local situation on a case-by-case basis, including options to reduce speed limits where it is appropriate (and outweighs potential unintended impacts, e.g. slowing down public buses). Another area that needs tackling is creating secure bike parking, particularly near major transport hubs, e.g. near tram or train stations, so that people are able to easily switch between bike and public transport.	Yes. These routes are major arteries in high demand but currently not bike friendly/safe. This leads to avoidable congestion, especially around peak commuter times and that will only get worse with an increasing population in the East. I support investment in cycleways, as they will benefit cyclists AND drivers and users of public transport.	Yes. Sustainable Australia Party will work proactively with governments and community organisations such as BikEast to achieve a network of safe cycleways.	
Nick Ward	Greens					Response received on behalf of all NSW Greens candidates. <i>See Greens NSW Cycle Friendly Policy:</i> https://greens.org.au/nsw/policies/cycle-friendly-nsw
Phyllisse Stanton	Liberal					<i>No response received</i>

2023 NSW Election – Candidates’ Survey Replies for VAUCLUSE

Candidates name	Party	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	General comment
Kay Dunne	Sustainable Australia					<i>No response received</i>
Edward Cameron	Animal Justice Party					<i>No response received</i>
Dominic Wy Kanak	Greens	Yes. The Greens recognise the link between sustainable transport and public health as critical in tackling the climate crisis and widespread chronic illness.				<p>The Greens Cycle Friendly NSW plan will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicate \$300 million to active transport infrastructure, increasing the ‘Get NSW Active’ fund to \$300 p/a and allocating \$1 billion over ten years to drive implementation of Transport for NSW’s Principal Bicycle Network plan. • Dedicate a portion of the Greens proposed ‘Developer Profits Tax’ towards cycling infrastructure. • Require all new housing and transport developments in NSW to include active transport infrastructure. • Trial a scheme allowing individuals to trade in their old polluting car for a \$3,000 e-bike voucher in Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong • Put bike racks on buses and trains to make hybrid journeys easier and more appealing. <p>The Greens will also commit to lowering traffic speeds on residential / village shopping streets to 30 km/h depending on the specific location and if it is required to ensure safe cycling.</p> <p>The Greens are also dedicated to working with all Government agencies, local councils, BIKEast and other community groups to achieve our Cycle Friendly NSW plan.</p> <p>Response received on behalf of all NSW Greens candidates. See <i>Greens NSW Cycle Friendly Policy</i>: https://greens.org.au/nsw/policies/cycle-friendly-nsw</p>
Margaret Merten	Labor					<i>No response received</i>
Karen Freyer	Independent					Received a phone call from Karen Freyer who has provided general support for the need to build safe cycle infrastructure. She was asked for a written response – but no follow up response received.
Gail Stevens	Liberal Democrats					<i>No response received</i>
Kellie Sloane	Liberal					11am Sun 19-Mar – by email: <i>My sincere apologies for not replying to this email. I support your work and believe in greater access to bikeways and pedestrian walkways. Is it too late if I provide something by the end of today?</i>