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Dear Mr Candidate

Marrickville-South Sydney Bicycle Group is greatly interested to hear from candidates for the forthcoming local government elections about their position and views about cycling.

Please would you respond to the following questions so that we can circulate your responses to our members and publicise at the Inner West Bike Forum on 13th March and more broadly.

1. What is your position on investment to improve the liveability and sustainability of local neighbourhoods?
2. The Childhood Obesity Summit last year called on local government to "Take a leadership role in creating supportive environment for physical activity opportunities", including developing paths and cycleways. What do you think Council should do to fulfil this role?
3. What would you do to make it safe enough to ride a bicycle in your local neighbourhood?
4. In your opinion, what percentage of the overall engineering budget should be allocated to bicycle facilities? What portion of the new Roads to Recovery (Commonwealth funding) allocation will you direct to bicycle facilities (more than half of South Sydney's 2001-04 funds were allocated to cycling)?
5. What do you think explains the recent 79% increase in Marrickville residents cycling to work (ABS 2001 Census)?
6. If elected, how would you promote the benefits of cycling in your area?
7. If elected, will you support the review of Marrickville's Bicycle Plan and support sufficient resources for the development of the new plan and its implementation?

Please send responses by email to massbug@massbug.org.au or by post to 342 Livingstone Rd, Marrickville 2204 by 10th March. We would be pleased to discuss or provide information on any of these issues, or to answer any questions.

Yours sincerely

Local Election Committee, Marrickville-South Sydney Bicycle Group

Marrickville-South Sydney Bicycle Group (MASSBUG)

Marrickville-South Sydney Bicycle Group is a local bicycle user group, established in 1991, affiliated with Bicycle New South Wales. We work with Marrickville and South Sydney Councils and state government bodies (e.g. RTA & Area Health Services) for the improvement of cycling infrastructure, urban amenity, community health and safety. We also provide information, advice and rides for members of the local community and local schools.

Our vision is for a safe, healthy, vibrant community whose planning and infrastructure provide for greater share of transport by walking and cycling, in order that the personal, community & environmental benefits of more sustainable transport can be realised. We also regard public transport services as essential.