

Investing in Active Transport

Active transport provides significant personal health benefits and contributes to reduced emissions.¹ Investment in public transport has been described by the World Health Organisation as a “win-win”.² By investing more into active transport infrastructure and policies, Tasmania can reduce traffic congestion and emissions and improve the health of commuters whilst saving money.

Cycling Infrastructure

Given that Tasmanians own the most cars per capita,³ it is no surprise that Hobart is the most car-dependent capital city in the country.⁴ This, in a country that has low active transport rates compared to many others.⁵

At least part of the reason for this is that Australia’s transport systems are largely orientated toward travel by motor vehicles.⁶

Investment in active and public transport creates population health benefits, cost of living relief, as well as reducing costs to our health systems.⁷

The Greens will fight for annual investment in active transport infrastructure and fund matching local government active transport projects, like the Greater Hobart Cycling Plan.

Linking Active and Public Transport

Some people don’t use public transport because there is not a bus stop nearby, and there is a lack of convenient options to transport themselves to a bus stop. Linking active transport to public transport is a great way to boost uptake of both.

The Greens will fight for investment in secure bike and scooter parking at bus stop hubs on high frequency routes and ferry terminals, for infrastructure that links to public transport, and for active transport to be factored into new public transport infrastructure plans.

Electric Bike Grants

For some people several active transport options aren’t possible for them. This could be because of mobility barriers, terrain, distance, time, or a myriad of other factors.

¹ Brown, V, Barr, A, magnus, A, Zapata-Diomedì, B, Bentley, R, [Better transport accessibility, better health: a health economic impact assessment study for Melbourne, Australia](#), International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity 16(89), 2019.

² Ibid

³ Mather, A, [Tasmania’s love affair with cars still growing as state tops nation for car ownership](#), The Mercury, 2017.

⁴ Inglis, R, [Committee for Greater Hobart makes public transport a priority issue, says city ‘culture shift’ needed](#), The Mercury, 2024.

⁵ RMIT, [Active Transport: Critical policy Brief](#), n.d.

⁶ Brown, V, Barr, A, magnus, A, Zapata-Diomedì, B, Bentley, R, [Better transport accessibility, better health: a health economic impact assessment study for Melbourne, Australia](#), International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity 16(89), 2019.

⁷ Ibid.

Electric bikes and scooters offer an option for active transport that is more accessible to some, and is more affordable than a car.

The Greens will fight for a 50% grant of up to \$1,000 for the purchase of an electric bike or scooter, for up to 250 students or concession card holders each year.

Budget (\$m)

(\$m)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Total
Infrastructure Fund	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
Council Funding	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	12.00
Transport Linking	3.00	3.00	-	-	6.00
E-Bike Grants	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	1.00
Total	13.75	13.75	10.75	10.75	49.00

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