



"May sustainable transport systems be at the heart of Adelaide's success as a people-friendly and environmentally responsible city."

Hon. David Speirs
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Dear Minister Speirs,

Bike Adelaide (formerly the Bicycle Institute of South Australia) is a voluntary community organisation which advocates for safe and inclusive cycling infrastructure in Greater Adelaide. We're writing to you seeking a meeting where we can discuss cycling, active transport initiatives, and the future of human mobility throughout Adelaide.

Since 1974, Bike Adelaide has been proudly advocating for people who choose to cycle as part of their regular commute, recreation as well as the sheer enjoyment of riding a bike!

As the current South Australian Minister for Environment and Water, and with your history as a local member supporting active transport to local schools, you would no doubt be aware that people are choosing to cycle for the environmental, health and financial benefits but they can't do it alone. Cities seeking to reduce transport emissions are increasingly budgeting for and rapidly establishing multi-modal transport networks that offer choice, flexibility and safety; all at a lower cost to society than existing networks.

As such, providing safe and equitably funded infrastructure, encouraging mode shifts to active travel for people of all abilities, and sharing positive messages about low emission transport options is more important than ever. Bike Adelaide is an active part of the community advocating for positive change and we look forward to discussing with you;

- Strategies, policies and practices available to reduce South Australian transport emissions;
- Your ideas and strategies for the implementation of active transport initiatives throughout Greater Adelaide to reduce transport emissions;
- The benefits of, and our vision for better connected cycling and active transport networks;
- The role of the State Government and its relationship to Local Government and community;
- Our experiences following transport policy in recent years in South Australia, Australia and the world;
- The many ways Bike Adelaide can assist the government with community support and engagement.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and the opportunity to share an inclusive vision for cycling and active transport throughout South Australia.

Warm regards,

Katie Gilfillan, Chairperson
