

Creating cheaper, healthier, cleaner travel choices

Tasmanian cities are consistently rated as the most expensive in Australia to own a car and yet many families feel they need two cars to access work, schools and services. This sucks up a large proportion of the family income, contributes to traffic congestion, drives up the state's climate change emissions, and contributes to poor physical activity levels.

Switching two cars to electric at current prices is out of reach for many Tasmanians. But being able to replace the second car with an e-bike or e-scooter depends on the government providing safe, separated routes to ride to workplaces, schools, shops and services.

Cycling Infrastructure Fund

An ongoing Tasmanian Cycling Infrastructure Fund would help build the cycling facilities we need for more people to choose active transport.

Fund new All Ages and Abilities cycleways under the Greater Hobart Cycling Plan.

Develop regional commuter cycling plans for Launceston, Burnie and Devonport and other willing urban centres.

Fund All Ages and Abilities cycleways for regional plans once they are agreed.

More public transport choice

Some people don't catch public transport because the start or end stop is too far to walk. Providing better access to stops and secure bike parking can help more people catch the bus/ferry.

Roll out secure bike and scooter parking at bus stop hubs on the higher frequency routes and ferry terminals.

Run an independent trial of bikes and scooters being allowed on urban low-floor buses.

Help to ride

Many people have never tried an electric bicycle. E-bikes are easy for most people to ride and can carry loads up to 30 kg to allow people to ride to work, shops and childcare/school. Cargo e-bikes can help people carry loads of up to 100 kg.

Fund a no-interest loan scheme to help people buy e-bikes then pay them off over a number of years as they save on petrol, parking, registration and mechanic costs.

Fund a scheme where people can loan an e-bike to see how it would fit in with their lifestyle.

Fund e-bike subsidies.

Fund statewide rider education programs that help people build confidence to ride, pick routes, choose the right bike and maintain it.

