



Submission to

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Transport

The Role of Public Transport in Delivering Productivity Outcomes

Submission from the Cycling Promotion Fund
an initiative of the bicycle industry in Australia

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Senate Standing Committees on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
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Dear Committee Secretary,

Submission

The Cycling Promotion Fund (CPF) is pleased to present a submission to the Inquiry.

Our submission references the following important pieces of work that directly address the role of public transport in delivering productivity outcomes;

- I. The Moving People 2030 Taskforce Report launched by the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure in March 2013, in the presence of both the Shadow Minister and Greens Transport Spokesperson (full report [here](#), exec summary [here](#))
- II. Infrastructure Australia's Urban Transport Strategy (presented as Attachment 1 to their submission [here](#)), and
- III. The 2013 Ministerial Statement on Walking, Riding and Access to Public Transport ([here](#)).

The complimentary nature of active travel, walking and cycling when integrated with public transport, has a significant capacity to enhance the role of public transport in delivering productivity outcomes through increased access and catchment.

National and international experience has established clear evidence of the economic and productivity benefits of cycling in a mode 'agnostic' transport system.

The Moving People 2030 Taskforce, of which the CPF is one of the founding members, believes that transport planning for productivity, health, economic and environmental benefits should make strategic transport decisions based exclusively on the most efficient way to move people, not on which mode should be utilised to do so.

The evidence presented in the Taskforce report and the substantial body of work contained in the 2013 Ministerial Statement on Walking, Riding and Access to Public Transport, are directly relevant to this Inquiry and we recommend them to the Committee.

We commend Infrastructure Australia's Urban Transport Strategy. It has a clearly defined purpose to establish a set of 'principles and criteria to assist planning for urban transport systems and the identification of infrastructure projects; and reflect those criteria in IA's

assessment and prioritisation of urban transport projects for the national infrastructure priority list’.

This work supports an objective and mode-agnostic approach to decision making for our transport system.

The CPF strongly supports an approach to gaining productivity benefits from our transport investments for least cost by consideration of all benefits and dis-benefits in the decision making process. It is increasingly obvious that transport decisions can no longer be made without consideration of the sometimes significant dis-benefits of our existing transport system.

These include the health aspects and congestion of our existing transport system which impose a significant economic burden on all levels of government and all Australians.

In summary, we submit the Moving People 2030 Taskforce report for your consideration. It contains evidence-based recommendations, many of which discuss the role of public transport in delivering productivity outcomes.

The CPF also recommends the Walking, Riding and Access to Public Transport statement that outlines a strong evidence base for actions supporting the role of public and active transport, and finally the Urban Transport Strategy for its transparent and objective approach to assessment of all infrastructure and transport decisions.

The CPF would be pleased to provide any further evidence or opinion deemed helpful to the Inquiry and speak to this submission at a later date.

Yours sincerely,

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The Cycling Promotion Fund

The Cycling Promotion Fund (CPF) is an initiative of the bicycle industry in Australia. Since 2000, when the CPF was established, it has undertaken a range of activities to promote cycling as an active transport solution that helps address climate change, improves transport congestion and public health, and makes our cities and urban areas more liveable and productive.

The Cycling Promotion Fund aims to ensure that cycling is a safe, popular and convenient activity for people of all ages. It is a fund based on voluntary contributions from bicycle industry companies, with membership open to any business that supports our mission and imports, manufactures or wholesales bicycle products, and/or provides services to the point of sale sector of the bicycle industry.

Working in partnership with many transport, health and planning sector organisations the CPF conducts significant national and Parliamentary events, sponsors and participates in research and promotion of best practice as well as participating in national forums that contribute to achievement of a more sustainable and liveable community through cycling.

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