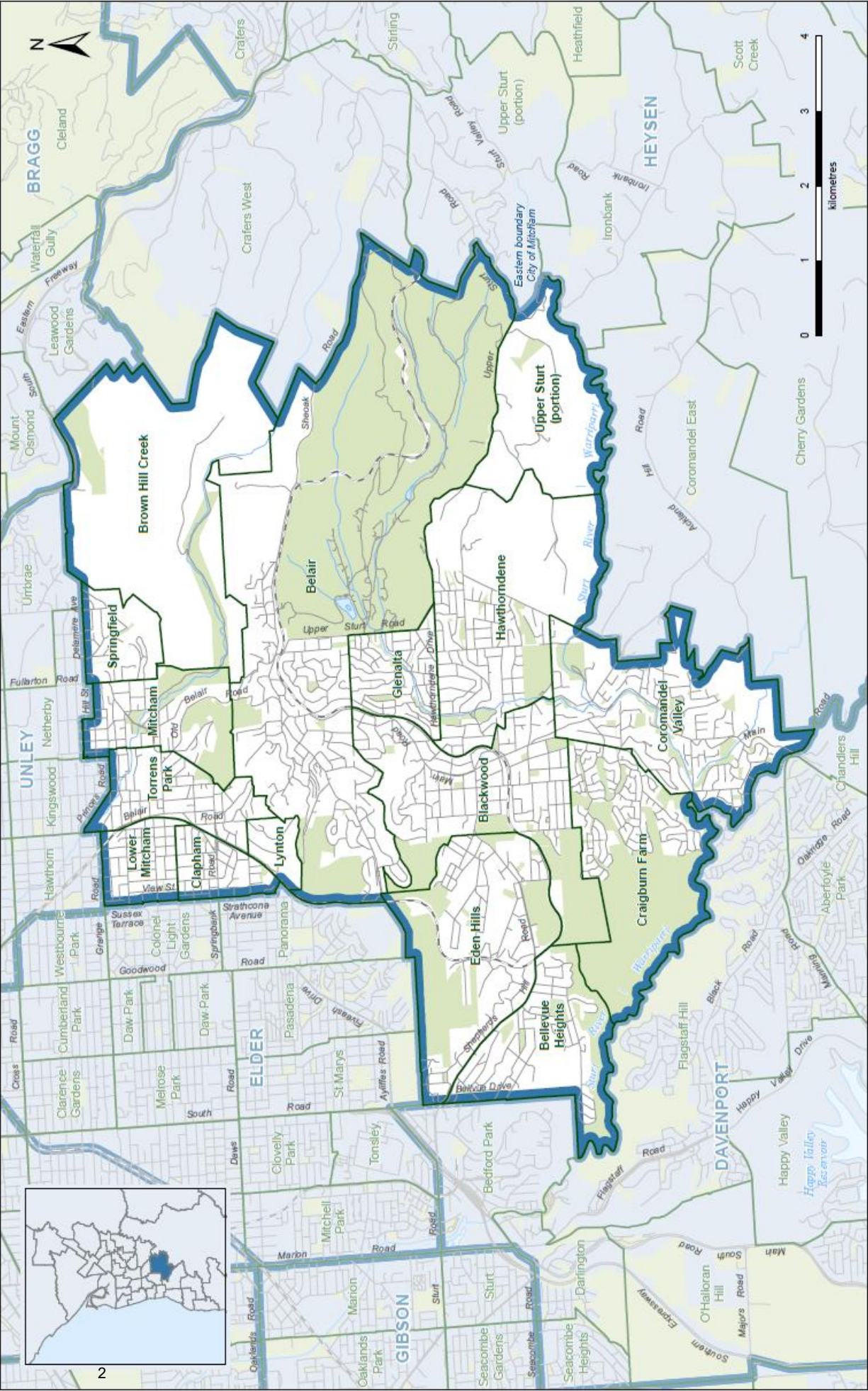


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Electoral District of
WAITE
55.9 sqkm

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Electoral district boundaries depicted are
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Mitcham Centre Master Plan Following the outcomes of the initial investigations into the future of Mitcham Centre (proposed one-off operating project in 2024/25), develop a Master Plan for Mitcham Centre and surrounds.	\$287,500
Strategic Pedestrian connection to Shepherds Hill Road, Blackwood This project will build, formalise and enhance the next stage of our defined strategic north south pedestrian linkage connecting Waite Street Reserve/Tiwu Kumungka/Young Street/the new pedestrian walkway and shops/Central Carparking area adjacent Drakes Supermarket through to Shepherds Hill Road. Whilst there is an existing linkage along the preferred alignment, the existing linkage isn't under Council's ownership, needs improvements, new pavement, removal of fencing and barriers, widening, landscaping and lighting. The project would be working in partnership with adjacent land owners Telstra, Australia Post and Chevron to achieve an improved safe, convenient and pleasant pedestrian connection with improved amenity for the community. Potential further costs maybe incurred depending upon property acquisition/purchasing requirements.	\$287,500
Traffic Improvements	
Grevillea Way design stage for sealing road Ward councillors identify that Grevillea Way access and use is a major issue. Design work would include project management and design, native vegetation assessment and on site service locating and depthing.	\$220,000
Bike Routes / Facilities and Trails	
Bike Route Upgrade - Coromandel Parade, Blackwood Upgrade bike lanes, shoulder sealing, footpath and kerb construction.	\$143,750
Feasibility Study - Hills to Plains Bike Route Undertake a feasibility study to determine a Hills to Plains Bike Route.	\$115,000
Implementation of the Sturt River Linear Trail 'Craigburn Link' Implement the 'Craigburn Link' section of the Sturt River Linear Trail, from Craigburn Farm to Blackwood Oval. Detailed design is complete and this section will work as a standalone neighbourhood connection, and form part of the SRLT concept, which aims to create a continuous public open space link from the Patawalonga Basin in Glenelg North to Belair National Park, and link to the completed trail sections in neighbouring Marion and Onkaparinga Council areas.	\$3,450,000

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Reserves and Playgrounds	
Upgrade of Apex Park, Hawthorndene The upgrade will include an uplift to the playground, tennis courts, footpath network, shelter, and creek rehabilitation.	Greater than \$1,150,000 (TBD)
Waite Street Reserve Water Play – In-ground Water Sprays City of Mitcham endorsed at its meeting on 9 September 2025 to investigate the feasibility and costs of alternative water feature design options incorporating in-ground sprays which would allow community access to have a full body water play option in Waite Street Reserve, Blackwood. Ongoing costs are expected to be in the order of \$100,000 per annum.	\$400,000 - \$600,000
Environment / Sustainability	
Implementation of the Public Greening Strategy for Growth Precincts Implement the Public Greening Strategy for Growth Precincts (one-off operating funding request for 2024/25), commencing with the Blackwood Centre Precinct, to provide improved greening to an area that has had high canopy loss over the past 10 years.	\$1,150,000
Sports / Community Grounds and Facilities	
Blackwood Football Club Clubroom Upgrade including Mural Various works within the existing Clubroom are due for renewal. The Club are also looking at improvements and therefore Council believe looking at the building as a whole rather than upgrading different parts may be more effective. Not yet designs and costed. Funding for a concept design would be required first.	\$5 million
New Sub-surface Drainage and Irrigation Systems at Manson Oval, Bellevue Heights Upgrade Manson Oval to provide an all-weather playing surface to meet community sport demands via new sub-surface drainage and irrigation systems.	\$1,760,000
WA Norman Clubroom/Changeroom Upgrade and Storage An upgrade to the existing changeroom/clubroom facility at WA Norman for Sturt Baseball Club and Bridgewater Bulls Baseball Club. Various options are available including a refurbishment of existing building or demolish and re-build.	\$5 million

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Waite Electorate (cont.)

Discussion with Candidates	Ask (\$)
Strategic Planning and Connections	
Implementation of Blackwood Movement Strategy and Blackwood Main Road Enhancement Project The election project/s are to: a) Implement the insights gleaned from the Blackwood Movement Strategy, which will serve as a foundation for identifying strategic investment opportunities to enhance the Blackwood Town Centre. By addressing key areas of concern identified in the study, stakeholders can make informed decisions about future improvements, such as revitalizing Main Street or expanding parking facilities, to create a more vibrant and accessible town centre for residents and visitors alike. b) Implement the insights gleaned from the Main Road, Blackwood Enhancement project to create a vibrant and inviting urban environment that prioritises pedestrian needs while supporting local businesses and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents and visitors alike. Through thoughtful design and strategic planning, the project aims to transform Main Road into a thriving hub of activity and a focal point for community engagement and economic development. To consider these Election Projects requires completion of two studies by June 30, 2025: - The Blackwood Movement Strategy (proposed one-off operating project); and - Blackwood Main Road Enhancement Project (proposed one-off operating project). To achieve the timeframes, the Blackwood Movement Strategy needs to commence early and the Blackwood Main Road Enhancement Project also needs to commence and be being done simultaneously to enable both studies to be completed by June 30, 2025 to achieve election timeframes. Blackwood Main Street Enhancement Project requires commencement now of early work (scoping, consultants engaged, preliminary investigations done - Complete 1/3 by end of calendar year). The Blackwood Main Road Enhancement Project will be informed by outcomes of the Blackwood Movement Strategy and will be undertaken in the 1st half of 2025 calendar year and be completed by the end of 2024/25 financial year. These dates/timeframes require a decision now for funding and requires employment of additional traffic engineer/transport planner on a 12–18-month contract ASAP. Completing both studies by June 30, 2025, enables their inclusion into both State and Federal Elections.	TBD
Mitcham Centre – Public Realm Pilot Project This project seeks funding to improve the Princes Road corridor in Mitcham Centre by enhancing pedestrian safety, accessibility, and public amenity through upgraded crossings, footpaths, seating, landscaping, and wayfinding. The aim is to create a more attractive and cohesive precinct that supports local businesses and encourages community use. Funding will enable the Council to design and deliver a pilot, either permanent or temporary, to test solutions, gather feedback, and demonstrate measurable improvements, with costs ranging from \$50,000 for design to \$250,000 for capital works.	\$300,000

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Waite Electorate (cont.)

Discussion with Candidates (cont.)	Ask (\$)
Reserves and Playgrounds	
Playground Upgrades: - Donnybrook Reserve, Bellevue Heights - Sherwood Reserve, Glenalta - Karinya Reserve, Eden Hills - Whicker Reserve, Bellevue Heights - Blackwood Hill Oval, Blackwood	TBD
Dog Management in Open Spaces – Blackwood Hill Reserve, Blackwood This project seeks funding to enhance three existing reserves to better support off-leash dog activities. The reserves were shortlisted using key criteria within Council’s park hierarchy and have already undergone stage-one community engagement. The proposed enhancements are realistic, achievable and responsive to community needs, and align with a key focus area of the City of Mitcham Dog and Cat Management Plan 2024–2028. The following Reserve is in the Waite electorate: <u>Blackwood Hill Reserve, Blackwood</u> Blackwood Hill Reserve is highly used and well recognised. Community engagement was strong but mixed; however, many participants supported fenced zones, enrichment features and clearer separation from surrounding bushland. Improvements, such as fencing sections near Tom Roberts Trail, adding enrichment features are desired. Detailed designs are being prepared for stage-two consultation.	\$110,000
Environment / Sustainability	
Brown Hill Creek The Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project is currently awaiting outcomes of the following funding applications: - Disaster Ready Fund – Round 2: Whole of Catchment Flood Model – application for \$150,000. - Urban Rivers and Catchments Round 2: Upper Brown Hill Creek Hawthorn Construction – application for \$3,606,150. This relates to the area between Hawthorn Reserve at the upstream end and Hampton Street at the downstream end. A further project, subject to confirmation with the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project, may be: - The Fife Ave bridge over BHKC, which is requiring replacement from both hydraulic and structural reasons (load limit already applied and further deterioration has been evidenced).	\$2,000,000 - \$3,450,000 TBD

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Waite Electorate (cont.)

Discussion with Candidates (cont.)	Ask (\$)
Sports / Community Grounds and Facilities	
Bellevue Height Tennis Club clubrooms Minor refurbishment works to building.	TBD
Blackwood Football Club Oval Drainage and Irrigation Upgraded oval drainage to improve the usability of the oval.	\$1 million
Blackwood Football Club Upgrade new flagpole and balance of the concrete path around the oval Provide a new flagpole and balance of the concrete path around the oval.	TBC
Blackwood Hill Oval Extended Carpark Extend carpark to assist in accommodating the increase in players and spectators.	\$550,000
Blackwood Bowling Club New Lighting on C Green Final stage of lighting to enable use of all rinks on all greens at night. This will allow us to expand our night owl program to allow more participation from the community.	\$70,000
Blackwood Bowling Club Shade Verandas and Handrail between greens Continue improvement of shade and rain shelter for players and visitors and install new handrail along path between two greens	\$300,000
Karinya Reserve Carpark Design is currently underway in 2024/25 to assess the capacity and feasibility of sealing the rear carpark and access way, whilst meeting the requirements of the established facilities. Due to the complex nature of the site, it is unlikely additional parking spaces will be created (for public use), however the intent is to have safer access for facility requirements (eg. Emergency access vehicles for accident on pitch).	Project construction cost is dependent on the design.
Hewett Reserve Netball and Tennis Court Fencing and Court Resurfacing Replacement of perimeter fencing to all courts and re-surfacing of both tennis and netball courts.	\$1.2 million
Heritage / Adaptive Reuse	
Hannaford Reserve Barn: Heritage Asset and Adaptive Reuse Opportunity To undertake community consultation and prepare a concept design for the local heritage building within Hannaford Reserve, Belair. The Barn's distinctive character and prominent location within the Reserve creates a unique opportunity for adaptive reuse that could serve contemporary community needs whilst preserving its historical value.	\$30,000 (design)
Mitcham Railway Station Heritage restoration and provision of public amenities.	\$30,000 (design)

Election Projects

Waite Electorate (cont.)

Advocacy

Traffic Improvements

Feasibility Study for Road out of Craighburn Farm

The proposal is for the State Government to do a feasibility study for a road linking the south western part of Craighburn Farm to Flagstaff Hill and onto Black Road, Flagstaff Hill. This would provide Craighburn Farm residents with additional options for egress in the event of a bushfire. Ideally it would be a one way exit only road with funding and project delivery managed by the state government (ie no council involvement).

Laffers & Main Road intersection upgrade (installation of traffic lights)

This project seeks for DIT to undertake options analysis, design and upgrade of the Laffers & Main Road intersection, which could involve installation of traffic lights. The intersection is a key node within the Mitcham Hills Road network.

Main Road & Byrne Street Glenalta (fulfillment of the 2015 Mitcham Hills Road Management Plan)

This project seeks for DIT to undertake design, assessment and implementation of a turning lane to access Byrne Street, as per the recommendations of the current DIT updates road management plan.

Sports / Community Grounds and Facilities

Blackwood Football Club Secondary Oval with Changeroom Facilities

With the increase in participation by the Club, they are now in need of a secondary site to accommodate this growth.

Blackwood Recreation Centre Replacement of Roof and Gutters

Whole roof sheeting and gutters to be replaced.

Blackwood Recreation Centre New Parquet Flooring

Parquet flooring in the old gym is due for replacements.

Unley Old Scholars Football (soccer) Club New Changerooms

New change room facility adjacent to the football oval, consisting of:

- 4 change rooms
- Equipment storage
- Referee change room
- Accessible toilet
- Kiosk
- New lighting for improved training

The Club's current facilities consist of a storage shed which doubles as a basic home change room. We do not have toilets or running water and rely on the Unley Sport for All Gym if it is open for these facilities.

Election Projects

Waite Electorate (cont.)

Advocacy (cont.)

Recreation / Tourism Sites

Windy Point Site Improvements

Funding of improvements (to be determined once funding is secured) to the Windy Point site, to bring it up to the standard of similar sites across Adelaide.

Shepherds Hill Recreation Park

The 2008 Park Management Plan for Shepherds Hill Recreation Park is outdated and based on users being 'self-sufficient', which does not reflect the needs of the community.

Advocate for the State Government to engage with the local community to discuss and write a new current and modern Park Management Plan for Shepherds Hill Recreation Park that recognises the population growth in the nearby communities, changes in user types and the need for park facilities. A partnership arrangement/ committee/ board between government and user groups could guide the department and would be valuable in providing a new community vision with shared development, maintenance and management of the park. The lease arrangements also need reconsideration, as it is not feasible to expect the lessees to cover all costs.

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Council-wide

City of Mitcham Priority Election Projects	Ask (\$)
Bike Routes / Facilities and Trails	
Bike Service Station / Bike Facilities Provide bike network facilities at locations including Jose Street, Clovelly Avenue, Laura Avenue, CC Hood Reserve, BtoC Bikeway, near Tiwu, Lynton trail.	\$172,500
Local Schools Bike Facilities Program Bike station, trials, education and incentives to promote ride to school.	\$230,000
Train Stations Bike Lockers Provide bike lockers at Mitcham, Lynton and Blackwood train stations.	\$115,000
Environment / Sustainability	
Energy Disaster Readiness for Clubs & Community Groups This project will equip approximately 20 community and sporting club sites with robust blackout protection, ensuring essential services remain operational during power outages. By integrating battery storage and solar PV systems, these sites will maintain power for critical appliances such as lighting, fridges, hot water, and air conditioning – enhancing community resilience in times of energy disruption.	\$100,000

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Environment / Sustainability	
Bushfire Preparedness Continue the 'Bushfire Preparedness and Resilience in the City of Mitcham' program beyond 30 June 2025, to reduce bushfire risk and increase community resilience. Activity areas may include: 1. Bushfire fuel load assessment and reduction. 2. Woody weed control 3. Understanding bushfire risk 4. Community engagement and resident education.	TBD
Community Safety	
Implementation of reducing the speed on Council roads to 40km/h Based on a planning exercise (proposed as a one-off operating project in 2024/25), implement a change in speed limit to 40km/h to Council roads. The project would include engaging with the community, an information campaign, and new signage.	TBD
History	
175th Book - Publication / Printing Publication to celebrate the City of Mitcham's 175 th anniversary in 2028. City of Mitcham was the first District Council and is the second oldest Council in South Australia. The 14 th of May 2028 represents the 175 th anniversary of the proclamation of the City of Mitcham. A passionate group of community members wish to lead an initiative to explore producing a publication to acknowledge this milestone.	TBC

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Council-wide (cont.)

Advocacy

Environment / Sustainability

Public Realm EV Charging Network

The City of Mitcham is working with other SA metropolitan Councils to investigate the role of local government in developing an Electric Vehicle Charging Network. We have invested in a feasibility study which identifies a lead role for Local Government to:

- Manage streetscape amenity and traffic at a local level
- Reduce the costs of developing a comprehensive local EV charging network (utilise existing infrastructure)
- Encourage uptake of Electric Vehicles
- Provide a state-wide EV charging network with a consistent user experience
- Ensure equity in the development of a charging network

At this stage of the project Council is looking for Federal Government support that local government has a key role to play in the development of a local Electric Vehicle Charging Network.

Future Trees Hub

Advocate to the Federal Government in support of the funding proposal 'Future Trees Hub' – Investing in Greater Adelaide's liveability.

The proposed approach is "The Future Trees Hub will spearhead a sophisticated approach to Adelaide's urban forest, facilitating strategic tree planting efforts through collaborative partnerships. We will challenge the misconception that tree planting alone is adequate by advocating for a strategic shift towards selecting better-suited tree species capable of enduring for decades."

Bushfire Hazard Reduction

That funding is secured to enable fuel reduction to be carried out, which would include best practice clearance of woody weed species (in particular olives) from the Hills Face Zone (on both private and publicly owned land) subsequent follow up to ensure any regrowth over the next 5 years is removed and working with Kaurna community once clearance has occurred to carry out cultural burns and encourage regrowth of endemic species.

This work is of critical importance, as there is evidence to show that fuel loads for Grey Box grassy woodland are significantly lower than of the mix of introduced species currently found on the Hills Face Zone.

Community Safety

Safe riding behaviour messaging and branding for Mountain Bike trails and public spaces

Advocate to the State Government for a package of engagement and opportunities tools to encourage riders to do the right thing based on education and empowerment. Sharing our trails, roads and public spaces. A package for use by all agencies including schools, public transport, community groups, SAPOL, Councils and advocacy groups.



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