Citizens’ Jury #2: “Cyclists and Motorists”

Quarterly report

The ‘Cyclists and Motorists’ Citizens’ Jury presented its recommendations in November 2014. The Government released its response to the recommendations in January 2015 and a commitment to publicly report on progress quarterly through the YourSAy website.

This report covers the time period from February – April 2015. See the note at the end of this report for updated activities since the report was completed.

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<td>2 Trial an integrated safe cycling and road rule education program</td>
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<td>3.3 A trial focussed on informing people about road rules via flash screen Comment: DPTI is promoting the road rules through the EzyReg online vehicle registration renewal website. DPTI has delivered a road rules quiz campaign since March 2015 which has resulted in more than 90,000 quizzes being undertaken.</td>
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<td>3.4 Trial opportunities to update road rules knowledge Comment: Achieved. As per 3.3, DPTI is promoting the road rules through the EzyReg website.</td>
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<td>4 Legislate to allow cycling on footpaths for all ages</td>
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<td>5.2 Maintain bike lanes, cycle paths/ routes regularly Comment: Maintenance of bike lanes / paths / routes under DPTI care is included in maintenance contracts. Cycle lanes on the roads are patrolled regularly. DPTI has promoted the free call number for the Arterial Road Hazard Reporting Service as well as an app for notifying council services of maintenance required on council owned bike lanes / paths.</td>
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5.3 Apply a realistic standard width for bike lanes
Comment: New and existing road upgrade projects use nationally accepted Austroads Road Design guidelines for bicycle lane widths. Where possible DPTI bike lanes will meet or exceed the standards width.
Support

5.4 Plan for cycle paths and lanes in future roads
Comment: South Australian Planning Policy Library Version 6, (General Section, Transportation and Access, Cycling and Walking) includes the requirement for development to ensure safe, convenient and attractive cycling routes and end of trip facilities. No further revisions are required.
Support

5.5 Extend and connect existing Greenways and bike tracks
Support

5.6 Establish new Greenways and bike tracks
Support

5.7 Construct bike cages at public transport interchanges
Comment: Bike cages will be included in the scope of works for major interchange upgrades. As no upgrades are currently being delivered no bike cages are scheduled for installation.
Support

5.8 Trial the installation of bike racks on the front of buses
Investigate

5.9 Install green bike storage boxes at major intersections
Comment: Guidelines have been reviewed and no change is required. Council can apply for funding through the State Black Sport program – Bicycle Projects. Councils' applications will be looked at as part of the assessment process.
Support

6 Conduct field trials of bike lane markings
Support

7 Conduct trials of reduced speed and altered traffic flow
Investigate

8 Collaborate to deliver a road safety campaign
Support

9 Establish an annual “safe cycling environment” award for councils
Support

10 Continue and enhance initiatives relating to visibility
Support

Activities since this report was completed:

- In the State budget (18 June 2015) the government committed $6.5 million over four years for bike boulevards and greenways. (Recommendation 5.6)
- Changes to cycling laws are being drafted following public consultation where more than 70 percent of respondents endorsed changes to allow minimum overtaking distances and riding on footpaths for all ages (Recommendations 1 and 4 respectively)