

Pedal Power Infrastructure Advocacy Team

Approved by Advocacy Leader on: 1 Feb 16

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The work of the Infrastructure Advocacy Team is to address:

- **Cycling and walking infrastructure in the ACT** – act on behalf of Pedal Power ACT and its members and the general cycling community in the ACT in relation to cycling infrastructure, and where appropriate, walking infrastructure in so far as it relates to cycling.
- **Active Travel network throughout the ACT** – addressed maintenance, day to day operational issues, 'missing links' and network planning as they relate to the community paths, footpaths, on-road cycling facilities and roads used by people cycling (including quiet streets).
- **Delivery of Active Travel infrastructure programs** – contribute to the infrastructure development and monitor its implementation, shortcomings and outcomes and agitate for improvements.
- **Master-plans of cycle facilities on-road, off-road within town and group centres and on rural roads** – contribute to master plan development and monitor their implementation, outcomes and agitate for improvements.
- **Cycling and walking infrastructure design standards and guidelines** – monitor the implementation and outcomes of technical standards for cycling and walking infrastructure and related traffic management as used in the ACT, contribute to any revisions of the standards and guidelines and agitate for desired improvements.
- **Bicycle Advisory Group (BAG)** – attend BAG meetings and work with its members in relation to cycling and walking infrastructure. The other members of the BAG are (currently) Roads ACT, Canberra Cycling, Canberra Veterans, Asset Acceptance, Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate, Justice and Community Services Directorate, National Heart Foundation, Land Development Agency, National Capital Authority.
- **Infrastructure matters raised by members (or others)** with Pedal Power ACT by email or otherwise – address any such the issues.
- **Funding for infrastructure** – advocate for increased funding for cycling infrastructure (in general, for maintenance and for specific projects), typically as part of the budget process submission prepared by others.
- **ACT Government budget submissions** – provide input relating to all cycling and walking infrastructure physical aspects in the ACT for inclusion in the Pedal Power ACT annual budget submissions (prepared by others).
- **Utilise the Executive Officer** when dealing with Ministers and senior bureaucrats in the ACT Government, the NCA and related organisations.
- **Engage with the Safety Advocacy Group** – in respect to items that are rightly the province of that Group and to obtain feedback from that Group in relation to items that relate to cycling and walking physical infrastructure.

Volunteer skills required

Imagination, passion, realism and common sense; research and writing skills (especially writing soundly based and persuasive submissions); analysis and archiving of information; meeting skills (active listening, constructive participation and recording notes); negotiation; campaign and event organisation (forums etc); communication and networking.

Understanding of traffic engineering and ability to read technical manuals and drawings, by no means essential, but very welcome.

Work management

The Infrastructure Team will use and maintain an on-line Task Management tool to record the creation, and management of all tasks in which it is involved along with details of those tasks, and assignment of people responsible for the tasks and the actions taken.

All members of the Advocacy Infrastructure Team will have access to the tool and will be required to make the appropriate records so that others can discover what tasks are being undertaken and their status. Others, including the Advocacy Leader and the EO as appropriate, will have read only or read and write access to the tool.

Website

The Infrastructure Advocacy Team has pages on the Pedal Power ACT website on which it advises members and the public what the Team does, how to send complaints and requests to government, sources of infrastructure information and current and past advocacy matters that are likely to be of interest to members and others.