



The Australian Bicycle Council

– More cycling, to enhance the well-being of all Australians

Outcomes of the Canberra ABC Meeting– 29-30 November 2010



Australian National Cycling Strategy 2011-16

The majority of cycling infrastructure, services and events are provided by the states, territories and local government as part of their normal business delivery. The ABC and the NCS 2011-16 is designed to provide focus on those areas where it is critical that all jurisdictions maintain momentum and those areas where a national strategy can add real value; co-ordinating and taking action at a national level.

Cycling has many benefits: increased community health and social equity; reduced greenhouse gas emissions, urban congestion, transport and health care costs.

The strategy's aim is to double the number of people cycling in Australia by 2016. This is an ambitious target to set, but it is important to aim high when setting goals. The stated aim of the strategy is achievable with the cooperative approach that the NCS 2011-16 has set with its six key priorities and objectives.

The NCS 2011-16 sets out a framework of six key priorities: cycling promotion, infrastructure and facilities, integrated planning, safety, monitoring

and evaluation, and guidance and best practice. These key priorities have generic actions that can be applied within states, territories and local governments in accordance with community aspirations, priorities and available resources.

Available only in PDF format from:

[http://www.austroads.com.au/documents/Australian National Cycling Strategy 2011-16%285%29.pdf](http://www.austroads.com.au/documents/Australian%20National%20Cycling%20Strategy%202011-16%285%29.pdf)

The National Cycling Strategy 2011-16 was endorsed by the Australian Transport Council (ATC) in September 2010. The ABC is currently developing the reporting framework for monitoring the strategy.

The ABC is working to gather and collate national cycling data and indicators to ensure future research has a statistically robust basis for analysis.

Cyclist Participation Data

The ABC held a workshop on cycling data and indicators at its meeting in Canberra, with a view to developing a consistent and robust set of cycling data to be made available on the ABC and CRC websites. A review of existing available data sources, their perceived gaps and omissions was discussed. Several options for gathering the required cycling data were considered.

Cyclists and Insurance Coverage

The ABC is finalising the ABC Information Sheet - Insurance for Cyclists. The ABC will make the information freely available on the ABC and CRC websites. This information will also be e-mailed to cycling organisations.

Australian Vulnerable Road Users

The ABC has been pursuing the issue of vulnerable road users, with regard to road rules and insurance coverage over the last couple of meetings. As a result the ABC will produce an "ABC Cyclists Insurance Information Sheet" which will be published on the ABC and CRC websites and made available to cycling organisations.

ABC working with state and territory cycling organisations

NCS 2011-16 will shortly come into effect. One of our aims in the new NCS is to establish better communication with the not-for-profit state and territory cycling organisations. It has been decided that the ABC will extend an invitation to a representative of the bicycle organisation of the state or territory in which the meeting is being held to outline their



organisation's activities and recent achievements. The meeting dates and locations for 2011 are – Tasmania in March 2011 and New South Wales in July 2011.

ABC Projects

Effectiveness & Selection of Intersection Treatments for Cyclists

This research undertaken by NZTA on behalf of the ABC will be available in early 2011 on the Austroads website – www.Austroads.com.au. The ABC will be developing 'Factsheets' from the outcomes of this research to help with designing safer intersection treatments. The factsheet will be made available on the ABC and CRC when completed.

Cycling Aspects of Austroads Guides

This guide is designed for community cycling organisations, not for cycling planning/design practitioners. The new guide will be available in early 2011 on the Austroads website – www.Austroads.com.au. Electronic copies will be able to be downloaded from the Austroads and ABC websites for free; hardcopies can be purchased through the Austroads website – www.austroads.com.au

On-road Cycling on Higher Speed Roads Study of Best Practice

Investigating best practice for on road cycling facilities on roads with traffic speeds of 70

kilometres per hour or greater. Many jurisdictions have avoided providing on road cycling facilities on these roads because of safety concerns, if these can be addressed cycling networks can be increased by the provision of more direct routes for cyclists.

Cycling Resource Centre Upgrade (CRC)

The new CRC is now live, have a look at the new events listings, Tweets, as well as the usual News and Information–

www.CyclingResourceCentre.org.au

If you have a cycling event coming up let the secretariat know (abc@austrroads.com.au) and we can send you the link to the 'event form'. Just fill out all the details on the E-form and it will be included on the CRC – for FREE!

ABC Networks

Are you interested in keeping up with what the ABC and cycling generally is doing? Why not join the ABC Network Forum on www.Linkedin.com, it is free to 'connect' to "AustBikeCouncil" and then join our group – "ABC Network Forum" (also FREE), there is no SPAMing, or junk mail, only information on cycling seminars, research, latest publications etc. You can also ask questions of the group; promote your research and publications (if on cycling).

If you are from local government we have a group just for you – "ABC Local Government Cycling Network", to 'connect' to "AustBikeCouncil" and then join our group – "ABC Local Government Cycling Network", look for us on www.Linkedin.com

Future ABC Meetings

The next ABC meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 March 2011 hosted by Department of Infrastructure Energy & Resources in Tasmania.

