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CITY OF VINCENT

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For the attention of :
Murat Kurum, President of COP 31
Chris Bowen, President of the negotiations of COP31
the Parties to the COP31

Dear Mr President, dear Mr President of the negotiations, dear Parties,

The City of Vincent is an inner-city local government located in Perth, Western Australia.

Walking and cycling are an important part of how people move around Vincent and of our commitment to creating safer, more connected and sustainable neighbourhoods. We want walking and bike riding to be the preferred modes of transport for short trips and viable, safe and efficient options for longer journeys.

Our Bike Plan 2023–2028, together with our broader transport planning provides a framework for improving cycling infrastructure, increasing participation and making riding a practical option for people of different ages and abilities. The City is also preparing a new Integrated Transport Strategy 2026–2036, which will guide future investment and decision-making across Vincent's transport network.

In recent years we have:

- Adopted the 2023-2028 Bike Network Plan, setting out priorities for a more connected cycling network and programs that encourage more people to ride safely in Vincent.
- Introduced a 40km/h speed limit on all local access roads across Vincent, creating safer, lower-speed streets for people walking and cycling. We are also extending 40km/h limits to selected local distributor roads.
- Continued to develop a connected cycling network linking neighbourhoods with key destinations, activity centres and public transport hubs.
- Working with neighbouring local governments on connectivity and coordination of cross-boundary network upgrades.
- Delivered cycling infrastructure projects on a number of local and distributor roads.
- Improved connections between existing cycling routes and local neighbourhoods and continued planning for safer road, path and intersection infrastructure.
- Become the first local government in Australia to commence CycleRAP cycling safety assessments across our road network using an internationally recognised methodology to identify cycling safety risks and help prioritise future investment
- Continued to use traffic, speed and crash data to identify road safety issues and inform future improvements.
- Installed additional bicycle parking and supported initiatives that encourage people to choose cycling for local trips.
- Introduced an e-bike lending scheme for City of Vincent staff.

We are continuing this work, with priorities including:

- Increasing the proportion of Vincent residents who ride or walk to work to 20 per cent by 2030.
- Building a more continuous and connected cycling network and improving connections to schools, activity centres, community facilities and public transport.
- Identify and prioritise east-west cycling connections across the City.
- Investigate opportunities for protected or separated cycling infrastructure, including options identified through the Bike Plan.
- Improving the safety and comfort of people walking and riding through fit-for-purpose infrastructure and appropriate road speeds.
- Improving cycling crossings and addressing gaps in the existing active transport network as part of our broader transport planning.
- Progressing the Long-Term Cycle Network, including infrastructure that supports safe and convenient connections to key destinations within Vincent and across local government boundaries. The network was developed collaboratively by state and local governments to connect parks, schools, community facilities and transport services.
- Using the findings of our CycleRAP assessments to help identify and prioritise future improvements to key cycling routes.
- Continuing to integrate walking and cycling into broader decisions about road safety, traffic management and how our neighbourhoods develop.

By sharing our commitments at the local level, we encourage national and international governments to match the ambition being demonstrated by cities and regions, with clear targets, investment and action to make cycling a safe, practical and accessible transport choice.

This letter is brought to you by the COP31 Bike Ride and travelled all the way by bicycle, a symbolic and significant act that demonstrates that anything can be achieved with active mobilities. Please be assured active travel can count on enormous support amongst big parts of society.

Yours sincerely,

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