

Queensland Walking Alliance state election statement

Walking for purpose, and recreation is more important than ever in our response and adaptation to COVID and for future recovery and resilience in Queensland communities. While we remain socially distant and often away from our workplaces, Queenslanders want and need walk-friendly spaces for all ages and all abilities to be able to move around freely and safely. Walking is important for physical, mental, and social health; all of which are vital when people find much of their life is more restricted.

Walking provides a great opportunity to safeguard our health by allowing people to be physically active every day in outdoor environments, providing alternatives to car and public transport use, while reducing the chances of transmission. Walking is inexpensive and is great for everyone's health and wellbeing. A safe, healthy, accessible, connected and inclusive community is essential for thriving communities.

Investment in walking has an excellent Return on Investment and by funding walking projects, programs and interventions, we will be providing great immediate benefits, as well as benefits for the future of Queensland communities.

The Queensland Walking Alliance is a coalition of partner organisations and individuals who commit to a healthier and more connected Queensland by encouraging and supporting better walking facilities and more walking every day.

The Queensland Walking Alliance calls on state candidates and parties to:

1. Fund the continuation of a Queensland Walking Strategy Action Plan - \$40 Million over four years.
2. Fund a '**Footpaths for Queensland**' program* (F4Q) of **\$25 million per annum** for local governments **to create all forms of walking spaces** for all Queenslanders, to enable high quality walking infrastructure* including shade in priority areas (schools, local shopping areas, public transport); **plus \$25 million for recreational / tourism walking to support local tourism**. Fast tracking these projects will provide benefits immediately and long into the future by providing local jobs and supporting local businesses.
3. Reduce speed limits around all schools and universities, hospitals and in local streets to improve road safety, reduce road trauma and allow walk-friendly neighbourhoods.

We encourage you to contact us if you would like more information on supporting active communities through investment in walking.

Yours in health and walking,

The Queensland Walking Alliance,
on behalf of Queensland Walks Incorporated



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*Footpaths for Queensland (F4Q):

What are some of the suggested high quality walking infrastructure projects?

- [Whole journey infrastructure](#)
- Easy and intuitive pedestrian connections to public transport
- Wide, attractive footpaths on both sides of street or road
- Shading protection through canopy and shade structure, green space Paths and connected walkable networks that encourage children to walk (around schools, leisure activities, parks, and public transport)
- Safe priority pedestrian crossings, pedestrian refuges
- Protected or separated footpaths from faster moving devices like scooters or bikes (in higher density or known conflict points)
- Urban environments that prioritise accessibility and apply universal design principles
- Paths designed for purpose (e.g. recreational or rail trail will differ from footpaths around hubs, schools or public transport nodes).

Who is the [Queensland Walking Alliance](#)?

A coalition of interested stakeholder organisations and individuals with an interest in walking in Queensland. The Queensland Walking Alliance is facilitated by Queensland Walks Incorporated.

The Queensland Walking Alliance includes:

- [Queensland Walks Incorporated](#)
- [National Heart Foundation](#)
- [10,000 Steps](#)
- [Outdoors Queensland \(Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation\)](#)
- [Nature Play QLD](#)
- [Cancer Council Queensland](#)
- [Vision Australia, Queensland](#)
- [Australian Institute of Landscape Architects, Qld Chapter \(AILAQ\)](#)
- [Inclusion Moves](#)
- [Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety - Queensland \(CARRS- Q\)](#)
- [PedBikeTrans \(PBT\)](#)
- [Rail Back on Track \(RBoT\)](#)
- [Shady Lanes Project](#)
- [Your Happy Place, Personality and Place](#)
- [7 Senses](#)



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