The dog ate my walking strategy...
A short lived strategy
Melbourne weekday trips

Source: Victorian Cycling Strategy 2018-2028
In Melbourne:
• 59% of people walk to trains
• 95% walk to tram stops
• 92% walk to bus stops.

Source: Department of Transport, Presentation to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Environmental Design and Public Health, 6 September 2011
Victorians’ preferred form of physical activity

Source ABS 2012, Garrard J Senior Victorians and walking: obstacles and opportunities, Victoria Walks 2013
Walking & total physical activity

Figure 9: Proportion of total physical activity undertaken by walking for fitness and transport
(Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2013b)

Garrard J Senior Victorians and walking: obstacles and opportunities, Victoria Walks 2013
Labor will also establish Active Transport Victoria, a new division within the Department of Transport. It will focus on increased participation and safety among cyclists and pedestrians across Melbourne and regional cities.

Active Transport Victoria will develop policies, suggest changes to roads and paths, and advise on the development of the cycling and walking network. It will receive $3.3 million in funding over three years.

Labor will establish a $100 million Safer Cyclists and Pedestrians Fund to invest in new, dedicated paths and routes across Victoria, keeping bikes and walkers away from traffic.
The pitfalls of ‘Active Transport’

FUTURE OPTION

National Coordination for Cycling and Walking in Australia and New Zealand

4 December 2017

Purpose
Outlines the findings of a review of the National Cycling Strategy 2011-2016 (NCS) and the operations of the Australian Bicycle Council (ABC) and the new arrangements for the coordination of action on cycling and walking in Australia and New Zealand.

Initial focus on cycling, expand to include walking
The initial area of focus will be national coordination of action on cycling. Given the strong synergies with walking, which does not have national coordination, expansion of the scope to include walking will be undertaken in two years time.
Investment in recreational walking?
Women and walking?

The most popular forms of women’s sport and active recreation are walking 33%, aerobics/fitness 16%, swimming 10%, netball 5% and tennis 5%.
Some good things

- VicHealth walking investments (Walk to School, Victoria Walks and Change to Walking)
- Parks Victoria
- TAC – SSRIP $35m Safe Travel in Local Streets
- DELWP 20 Minute Neighbourhood Pilot.
Looking forward
2018-2020
1. A plan to get Victorians on their feet

- Coordinated whole of Government
  - Treasury, Transport, Health, Planning, Education, Local Government, Environment, Sport and Recreation, Women, Disability...

- Clear actions, funding & targets (WTS, PT, short trips; recreational etc.)

- Pedestrian & walking expertise
2. Principal Pedestrian Networks

- Safe and convenient walking routes to 50 train stations or activity centres ($1m each)

- A precinct approach
3. Address women’s street safety

- Male behaviour
- Safe appealing walking neighbourhood routes for women
- Let’s Walk
4. Green walks in/near urban environments

- Invest in recreational walking
- In every community
- Support councils
5. Safe streets for seniors & children

- Economic to keep active
- Senior walker crashes
- Road design & poor driving
- Speed
6. Invest in street trees

- Walking amenity
- Facilitates walking
- Climate change
- Property values
- Fund councils
Thanks