

## Gary J Peacock - Bicycle NSW Candidate Statement

I am a lifelong cycling enthusiast. As a child my bike was my connection with friends and my primary mode of transport. Through university, my first-generation MTB took me out of the city and onto trails as a means to explore, my bike also connected me to campus. Thirty years later I'm still riding, up to 7000+ kms a year.

- **I ride as form of transport;** utilising the bike and share paths, commuting from Sydney's Inner West to Parramatta for work.
- **I ride to connect;** weekly rituals with an informal group of friends, that always finishes with a coffee stop.
- **I ride to push myself;** taking part in organised events such as L'Etape, Bowral and Bobbin Head Classics.
- **We ride as a family;** together with our 14 & 12-years old children, we recently completed the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail in Country Victoria.

Professionally, for the last 15 years I have held senior leadership roles in large organisations in the fields of Procurement and Supply Chain. I am currently the General Manager - Procurement of a large Food and FM Services company that specialises in outsourced service to clients in the resources, health care and airport sectors. I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS) and a member of The Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD). As part of my role and our RAP commitment, I work collaboratively with NFP's such as the Kari Foundation and Supply Nation.

I lead a team that manages a contestable spend of over \$120M per annum. The fundamentals for success are effective senior stakeholder engagement, developing and delivering to strategic financial goals and vendor contracts management. I have also been the sponsor (and therefore accountable) for major companywide change management and systems projects.

If accepted as a Board Member I believe my professional experience of working in senior management teams, managing risk, logistics solutions, financial and non-financial performance indices coupled with my passion for cycling will help support BNSW Board and Management achieve their goals.

I'm passionate about making cycling accessible to all, especially in the cities, getting adults out of their cars and getting kids off screens. The positive impact riding has on physical and mental health is powerful, unclogging urbanised areas and lowering single person car use changes the way we live into a more sustainable society. My concerns for cycling at present, most notable in urban areas, is the lack of child safe cycling spaces for kids to hone their skills and the often unsafe and uncontrolled explosion in 'gig' economy e-bike users.

Thank you for your consideration.

