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The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of Adelaide
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Dear Lord Mayor,

Re: Schools Active Travel and Motion 62 – ALGA National General Assembly

I'm writing to acknowledge and thank your Council - and particularly Councillor Janet Giles - for the powerful advocacy shown at the recent National General Assembly in support of active transport to and from school.

Councillor Giles' presentation of Motion 62, championing the "30 by 30" target and calling for a national action plan, was compelling and resonated strongly with many of us. As we navigate shared challenges around children's health and wellbeing, traffic congestion and climate responsibility, your leadership on this issue was both timely and inspiring.

Here in Willoughby, we've been working to embed active transport into daily routines through our **Primary Schools Active Travel Program**, a key initiative within our Resilient Willoughby Strategy and Action Plan https://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-health-and-safety/Resilient-Willoughby. This local initiative brings together Council, primary school communities, NSW Department of Education and Transport for NSW to:

- Develop tailored, curriculum-based Active Travel Programs with participating primary schools
- Deliver road safety education and incentives
- Implement infrastructure improvements to support safe walking and riding to school
- Shift primary school community culture away from car dependence through class-room learning and behaviour change strategies

The Willoughby program has been recognized by the NSW Government as an exemplar and has been adopted for use in a state-wide funding initiative to encourage schools active travel

https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/programs/get-nsw-active - see Get Kids Active program.

Further information about the Resilient Willoughby Primary Schools Active Travel Program, including videos and resources, can be found on Council's website: https://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-health-and-safety/Resilient-Willoughby/Walking-and-riding-to-school. Should you require further details or wish to discuss potential collaboration, please contact our Resilience Specialist, Nick Chapman - nick.chapman@willoughby.nsw.gov.au.

We'd be pleased to share more about our program and would gladly contribute to any further collaboration or information-sharing efforts to help build momentum toward "30 by 30."

Kind Regards,

Cr Tanya Taylor Mayor of Willoughby

cc: Councillor Janet Giles