



# Cycling into the mainstream: why bike baskets are an effective advocacy tool

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# **CAN - Cycling Advocates' Network**

New Zealand's network of cycling advocates formed in 1997

groups in 22 cities and towns

5000 members and friends

speaks for 1.5 million New Zealanders who cycle

can.org.nz





#### **CAN** aims

Promote cycling

Improve safety

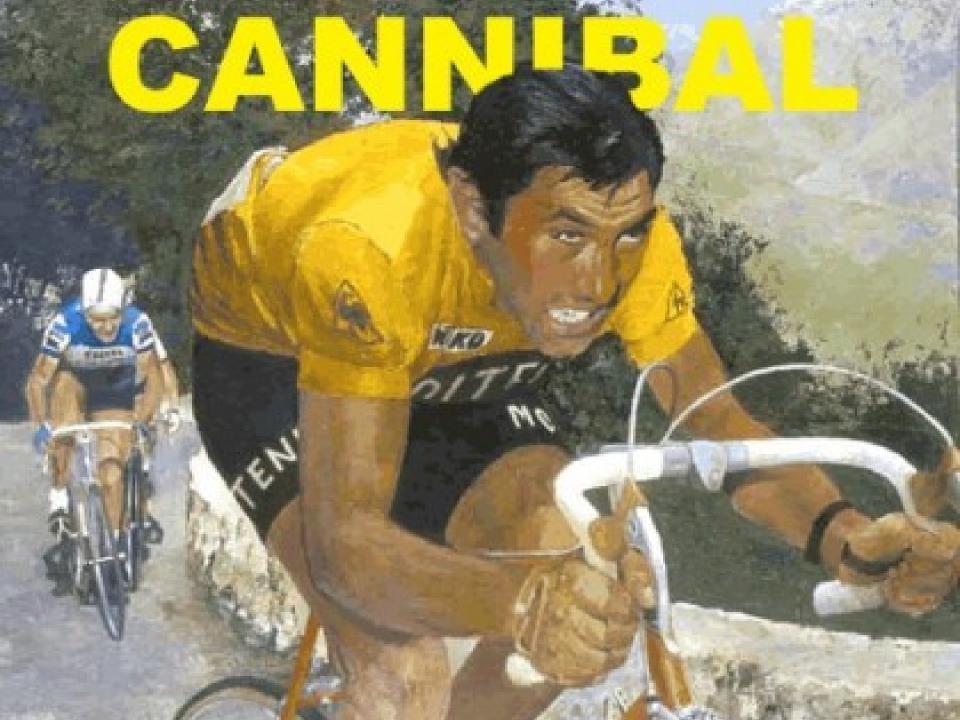
Encourage a good cycling environment

Promote cycle tourism

Advocate for integrated cycle planning

More people on bikes, more often







# Fringe

a sporty few

hard work

dangerous

special clothes

lycra

weird

tribal

green

#### Mainstream

everyone

comfortable

safe

normal clothes

basket

stylish

integrated

business





# Strategy: build relationships with government, business and the community

focus on long-term credibility create win-win solutions evidence trust



# Speak like a local

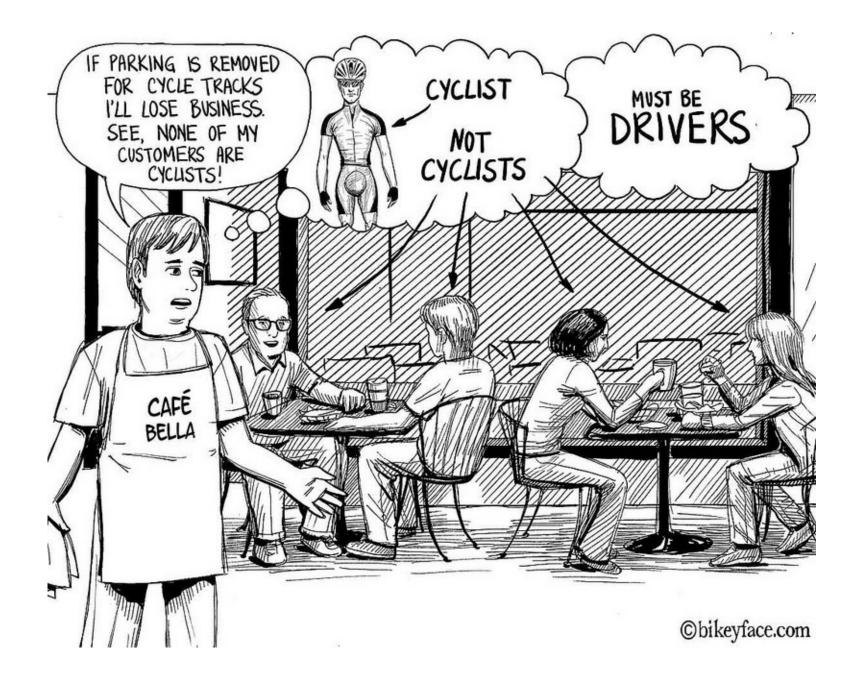
**Business**: profits, return on investment, attract customers and staff, manage risk

**Government**: popularity, public demand, alignment with other goals, lower taxes

Community: convenience, savings, quality of life

Kids: cool, fun, freedom





#### A credible voice in the media

build relationships with journalists
be a reliable source of stories
understand news values
entertain
create your own stories in social media



Metro 2008

## The world's top 10 best cities for cycling 2014







### Your bicycle has been ticketed because it is:

- □ awesome
- beautiful
- ♥ too cute!
- ♥ wicked, bro!
- ⇔ the best seen today
- old school
- ♥ flash







#### It's not about the bike

Focus on well-being:

thriving economy vibrant community affordable transport healthy people clean air fun



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