



## Bill Chandler

**Bill Chandler** is a planner and urban designer based in Melbourne Australia. Bill was Chair of the Victoria State Urban Arts Unit in the mid 1980s in the 1990s, he was Chief Planner, Urban Designer and Marketing Director for the Melbourne Docklands Development. Trained as an architect, town planner and engineer, Bill now heads up his own consulting company advising clients from the private and public sectors, and community groups. He founded and convenes the **Urban Design Forum** which has recently celebrated 25 years of urban design in Australia, with Bill editing *Urban Voices*, a book reflecting on the work achieved and looking to the future.

Recent changes in the federal government in Australia, has meant that the balance of power in the Senate, (the upper house) is held by a number of micro-parties, one of which is called the Motorists Interest party. The Liberal National Coalition that has the majority in the lower house, is enthusiastic about building roads. Consequently, although ever an optimist (and looking to the longer term - beyond the 3 year term that the Liberal Nationalist now have), Bill is sanguine in his 5 year walking forecast, believing that Australia has stepped back to a time when economic growth was predicated by road building.

Notes from **Bill Chandlers' 5 year walking forecast for Talking Walking**: Recorded over the telephone in August 2013 and published in December 2013 on <http://talkingwalking.net>

To mark the fifth anniversary of Talking Walking, we asked thought leaders to make their 5 year predictions about the state of walking in the fields in which they work and the places where they live. Respondents were asked to call a Skype number to leave their forecast, identifying who they were, what work they were doing that revolved around walking, and what their forecast was for walking in the next five years. We recorded these voice messages and reproduce them here: <http://www.talkingwalking.net/5-year-walking-forecast/>

### Links to further information on topics mentioned:

Find out more about Urban Voices, the book published to mark the 25th anniversary of urban design in Australia: <http://udf.org.au/urban-voices>

Find out more about Australian politics: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics\\_of\\_Australia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics_of_Australia)

And the Australian Urban Design Forum: <http://udf.org.au/about-us>

Look out for the international Walk21 conference on walking that in 2014 will be hosted in Sydney: <http://www.walk21.com/conferences/sydney.asp>