

25 September 2007

Queensland Transport

Mr Paul Murdoch Chairman CBD BUG GPO Box 2104 Brisbane QLD 4001

Dear Mr Murdoch

## RE: Final Draft - South East Queensland Principal Cycle Network Plan

I am writing to ask for your review and endorsement of the enclosed final draft of the *South East Queensland (SEQ) Principal Cycle Network Plan* (PCNP).

The aim of the PCNP is to guide the planning and development of a seamless cycle network by mapping out current and desired future principal cycle routes throughout the region. The plan supports the principles of urban consolidation and sub-regional self containment that have been set out in the SEQ Regional Plan.

It is intended that this plan will influence:

- State and Local Government cycle network planning and delivery (routes depicted in this plan will be considered priorities for construction of new cycle facilities)
- The allocation and prioritisation of cycling projects within the \$235m SEQ Infrastructure Plan and Program - Cycle Network Program.
- The conditions placed upon developers to deliver cycle infrastructure where their proposals coincide with the PCNP.

The PCNP is an update of the 2003 Integrated Regional Cycle Network Plan (IRCNP) and has been developed using a similar planning framework and methodology. The key difference between the two plans, is the 2007 version concentrates on providing for short to medium distance cycling trips, with less focus on long distance journeys. This approach reflects ongoing research indicating that the majority of cycle trips are less than 10kms in length.

The PCNP will provide the grounding for establishment of a comprehensive cycle network that provides for the needs of both commuter and recreational cyclists. This balanced planning approach has resulted in a relatively even spread of cycle routes across jurisdictions with approximately 1120kms of the proposed network on State controlled roads and 1350kms on local roads and lands.

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Local Government officers and special interest groups have been heavily involved in the development of the draft PCNP plan through workshops and individual meetings with representatives from both Queensland Transport and The Department of Main Roads. This input has been both positive and constructive, adding real value and credibility to the principal cycle network development process.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could arrange for your officers to review the document, with particular reference to the principal cycle network maps, and provide your feedback and endorsement by close of business 10 October 2007. Replies can be sent as either a hard copy or an email response to the following address;

Active Transport Planning Floor 14, Cromwell House 200 Mary Street Brisbane Qld 4001

Attn: Mr Peter Berkeley peter.d.berkeley@transport.qld.gov.au

Following receipt of comments, the document will be finalised and presented to the Honourable John Mickel MP, Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment and Industrial Relations for endorsement and approval for release to the wider public.

If you have any queries in relation to the PCNP, please contact Mr Peter Berkeley, Principal Advisor (Active Transport Planning) on 3117 5705. Mr Berkeley will be happy to assist.

Yours sincerely

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