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The Honourable Ms Anna Bligh MP  
Premier of Queensland  
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Dear Premier

This letter seeks your commitment to increase the Queensland Government's investment in cycling and other sustainable transport modes.

The background to this letter is that despite there being only a week left before the 2009 State Election no announcement/s have been made regarding how your government will encourage cycling levels (or other active and sustainable transport modes such as walking and public transport) so Queensland catches up with the rest of Australia.

The following is a summary of the major reasons why your government can and should lift its investment in order to increase cycling.

- The principal current commitment for cycling has proven to be far too little over too long a time frame.
- The State Government's promise of \$60 million for the luxury of redeveloping the Cararra sports stadium, on top of the other \$650 million Labor has spent on major stadium facilities since 1998, means the government's ability to increase spending on cycling and other sustainable transport infrastructure is clearly not restricted by the current "global financial crisis."
- Your government's Q2 target for reducing the Queensland population's obesity level is extremely unlikely to be achieved in the absence of a multi-strategy approach that includes increasing cycling and other active transport modes.
- The lesson in smart investment on active and sustainable transport can be taken from the Netherlands, where they have been reaping the economic, environmental, health and social benefits from this approach for years.

During recent elections the CBD BUG has analysed and compared the commitments to improve cycling made by the major parties, and then provided this information to our members. I look forward to your response on this policy area that will enable this process to be continued for the current State Election.

Yours faithfully

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