



Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group

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Councilor Margaret de Wit
Incoming Chairman
BCC Public and Active Transport and
Economic Development Committee
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Dear Councilor de Wit

On behalf of the members of the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) I congratulate you on your appointment as the Chair of the Brisbane City Council (BCC) Public and Active Transport and Economic Development Committee.

The CBD BUG is a grass roots volunteer organisation with over 500 members representing the interests of the very large number of Brisbane residents who ride bicycles to, from and within the Brisbane CBD. It is highly active in pursuing policy decisions at all levels of government relating to cycling, and in particular relating to improved cycling infrastructure, end-of-trip facilities and road rule amendments.

With the \$100 million four year commitment to accelerate the rollout of Brisbane's planned cycling network, CBD BUG members are witnessing significant improvements in this city's cycling network and are pleased the Lord Mayor's "vision of Brisbane as a city of cycles" is being realised.

Such a commitment was long overdue to recognise cycling's ability to address Brisbane's chronic traffic congestion and the CBD BUG commends Council for this commitment. CBD BUG representatives would like meet with you to discuss how this agenda may continue to be best progressed. Current issues of particular concern include: the lack of awareness of the need to include consideration of cyclist needs into the operations of all Council divisions; the additional bike lanes needed within the CBD in view of the impending commencement of the CityCycle bike hire scheme; and the necessity to create a north-south aligned cycling route to the CBD from Brisbane's northern suburbs.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss these issues and the CBD BUG's potential contribution towards the BCC's improvement of this city's cycling friendliness.

Yours faithfully

Paul French
Co-convenor
Brisbane CBD BUG

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