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## Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group

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Commissioner Bob Atkinson APM  
Queensland Police Service  
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Dear Commissioner Atkinson

### **Closure of King Arthur Terrace during Brisbane International tennis tournament**

This letter seeks your action to allow bicycle riders to continue to use King Arthur Terrace at Tennyson during the proposed closure of this thoroughfare during the Brisbane International tennis tournament.

As background for you the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) is a grass roots volunteer organisation of more than 600 members, representing the interests of the very large number of Brisbane residents who ride bicycles to, from and within the Brisbane city centre. It is active in vigorously seeking policy decisions at all levels of government supporting cycling, and in particular relating to improved infrastructure, end-of-trip facilities, integration of cycling with other transport modes and a cyclist-friendly regulatory environment. CBD BUG members meet monthly to exchange information and ideas, discuss issues of relevance and determine the direction of policies to benefit CBD bicycle riders.

The reason for this letter is it has been announced that King Arthur Terrace will be closed between Softstone Street and Fairfield Road from Friday 30 December 2011 until Sunday 8 January 2012, with only authorised vehicles being permitted to use King Arthur Terrace between these points during these dates. This will be at least the third year this road closure has occurred. The CBD BUG understands from Brisbane City Council advice this road closure is arranged directly between the tournament organisers and police at the local station.

However, King Arthur Terrace is a major route for Brisbane bicycle riders. When the Queensland Tennis Centre was built it was hailed as a win for road safety. Prior to this the only available corridor for bicycle riders was the much more dangerous route via Fairfield Road, Tennyson Memorial Avenue and Softstone Street, which have high speeds and volumes of motor traffic, and little or no shoulders. The closure of King Arthur Terrace forces bicycle riders back out onto this environment, and conflicts with the Queensland Government's policy agenda of increasing cycling levels across this state.

The extension of this road closure to bike riders appears to be based on the misconception (popular among people in the broader community who don't ride bikes themselves) that cycling is a dangerous activity. This is not the case; every day people on bicycle and on foot safely share crowded and chaotic precincts such as the riverfront promenade at South Bank, the Goodwill Bridge, and King George Square.

You are strongly urged to ensure people may continue to cycle along King Arthur Terrace for the duration of the tennis tournament. Treating the area as a pedestrian-priority shared zone would be a much better and safer outcome than prohibiting cycling entirely, and requiring that people cycle on the much less safe alternative route.

I look forward to your response on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul French', written in a cursive style.

Paul French  
Co-convenor  
Brisbane CBD BUG

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