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The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP
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Dear Minister

On behalf of the members of the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) I write to congratulate you on your appointment as the Minister for Transport and Multicultural Affairs.

The CBD BUG is a grass roots volunteer organisation of almost 600 cyclists 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 cycling infrastructure, end-of-trip facilities and the integration of cycling with other transport modes.

CBD BUG representatives would like meet with you at the earliest opportunity to discuss how a number of issues within your transport policy responsibilities can be progressed. These issues include: reviewing the elements of the Queensland road rules that do not support safe cycling, integration between cycling and other transport modes (in particular buses and trains), and the imbalance in the State's transport infrastructure towards private motor vehicles.

The popularity of cycling has been rapidly increasing across Australia in recent years, with a significant growth in cycling as a sustainable and active transport mode. However, Queensland has been slow to adopt this positive behavioural / social change. This is a key reason for South East Queensland's continuing traffic congestion, as well as increasing levels of obesity and diseases such as Type II Diabetes.

Further reinforcing the urgent need for a different approach to urban personal transport is the October 2007 report by the State Government's Queensland Oil Vulnerability Taskforce, which proposed as a cornerstone mitigation strategy to the looming decline in liquid fuel supplies that this state reduces its liquid fossil fuels consumption.

As you would be aware, there is also a strong social justice aspect to fostering cycling, as a mobility enabler for people of lower socio-economic status. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss these issues and how we can work together to improve cycling.

Yours faithfully

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

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