

## Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group CBD BUG

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The Honourable Scott Emerson MP Minister for Transport and Main Roads GPO Box 2644 BRISBANE QLD 4001

## Dear Minister

This letter seeks your advice regarding progress on the integration of the Translink Go Card with the Brisbane City Council CityCycle bicycle share scheme.

As background for you to this request, the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) is a grass roots volunteer organisation of more than 700 members, representing the interests of the very large number of Brisbane residents who ride bicycles to, from and within the Brisbane CBD. 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 cyclists.

The CBD BUG strongly supports integrating the Go Card system with CityCycle. The CBD BUG considers this integration will allow better access for people when travelling within the CBD and CBD fringe suburbs by improving permeability.

We note during the lead-up to the March 2012 Queensland State Election the LNP committed to holding talks with the Brisbane City Council about this integration. The CBD BUG understands the systems are able to "talk" to each other, and it is just a matter of negotiation and minor software changes. The CBD BUG has raised this issue previously, last year, through its representative on the Public Transport Advisory Group (PTAG), but the climate for such a change did not seem to exist.

Therefore, the CBD BUG would now appreciate your advice on the progress of the negotiations and the date when we can expect you to be in a position to decide whether anyone with a Go Card may use a CityCycle.

Yours faithfully

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