



Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group

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The Right Honourable Graham Quirk
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Dear Lord Mayor Graham Quirk,

This letter is to inform you of the difficulty people riding bicycles have entering and exiting the City Botanic Gardens from Albert St.

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 people riding bicycles to, from and within the Brisbane city centre. It is active in seeking policy decisions at all levels of government supporting people who want to cycle, and in particular relating to improved infrastructure, end-of-trip facilities, integration of cycling needs with other transport modes and a regulatory environment friendly towards people riding bikes. CBD BUG members meet monthly to exchange information and ideas, discuss issues of relevance and determine the direction of policies to benefit CBD cyclists.

Albert St is an important thoroughfare for bicycle riders entering and exiting the CBD through the City Botanic Gardens. The CBD BUG supports the concept of the Albert Street Master Plan in making Albert St a place for people and not just for the movement of motor traffic. However, until the master plan is complete, cyclists entering and exiting the City Botanic Gardens are faced with two issues that Council can easily address immediately to encourage more people to ride bicycles.

1. Entering Albert St from the Gardens.

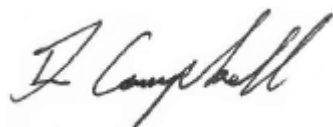
The CBD BUG understands that induction loops have been installed for motor vehicles exiting the gardens triggering the lights on Albert St. Unfortunately these are not activated by bicycles. Because of this cyclists are either running the red light when the pedestrian lights are activated or crossing on the pedestrian crossing and doing a dog leg movement to travel on the road proper down Albert St (Figure 1). For this reason the CBD BUG requests that a bicycle press button be installed to rectify this situation and that this induction loop is adjusted so that waiting bicycle riders trigger the traffic lights. (Figure 2)

2. Exiting Albert St to the Gardens

Currently, cyclists entering the Botanic Gardens from Albert St are faced with a “No Entry” sign with no exemption except for “BCC employees only” (please see Figure 3). In the whole cyclists do not take note of the sign. While there has not been any history of cyclists being fined for breaching the sign, the CBD BUG does request that this be rectified with an addition of “Bicycles Excepted”. This would avoid any possible issues in the future for cyclists entering the City Botanic Gardens from Albert St.

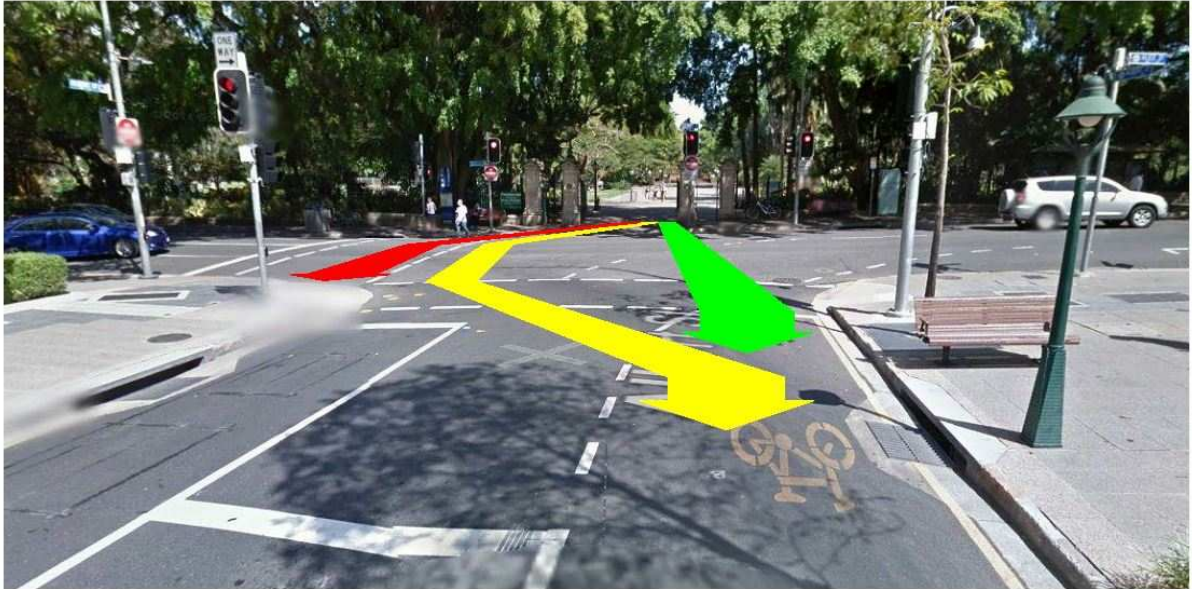
With no firm timeline for the Albert St master plan it would not appear sensible to wait for a project that is not as yet scheduled. The CBD BUG trusts that these requests can be fulfilled to increase the amenity of cycling along Albert St.

Yours sincerely



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14 November 2014

CC: Cr Vicki Howard, Central Ward



GREEN - DESIRED PATH, EG WITH LIGHTS WORKING
YELLOW - WHAT CYCLISTS ARE FORCED TO DO, TO ACCESS ALBERT ST ROADWAY (WITH LIGHTS NOT ACTIVATING) (TECHNICALLY ILLEGAL)
RED - ONLY LEGAL OPTION WHEN LIGHTS DO NOT ACTIVATING)

Figure 1

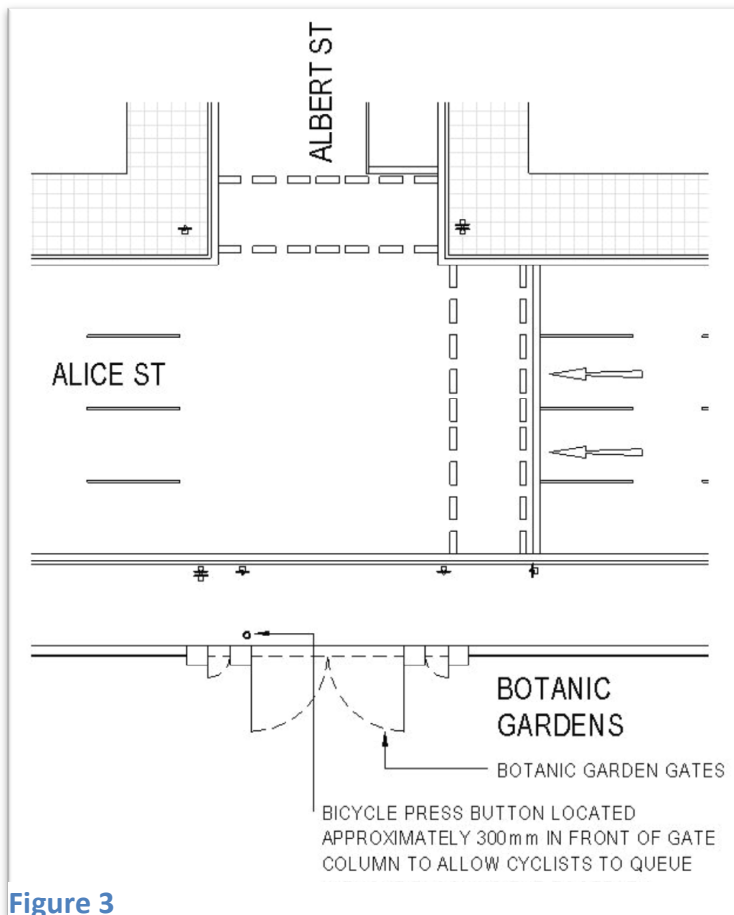


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