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To: Toowong Ward Office

Subject: Contact Us - Richard Bean

Dear Peter

With respect to this petition I request to see the response as I believe BCC unfortunately has a broken system that only requires the first name on the petition to be responded to.

I have seen no evidence of any activity on your or BCC\'s behalf since 2 September with respect to this petition despite the large number of signatures obtained (763). I also recall that you did not answer a direct question concerning this issue at the BQ Q&A last May at South Bank with Scott Emerson - see <http://www.brisbanecyclist.com/forum/topics/cider-and-chardy-and-beer-ohmy-may-1st-2014-all-welcome?commentId=4154450%3AComment%3A107522>.

The issue is not going to disappear and contrary to your past claim on 612 the lanes are not working \"pretty effectively\". The existing lanes are often in the \"door zone\" of parked cars and blocked by roadwork signs. If cycling traffic is growing at 7.7% a year as BCC claims, superior facilities are needed on this crucial link.

Also please note that the petition was on behalf of residents, not cyclists. The street is devoid of cars at night so the existing car parks are not used by residents. Protected bike lanes would improve the amenity of the area by reducing noise pollution, bringing more customers to local businesses, and offering local children a safe way to get to and from school. These are goals I would expect a \"chairperson of active transport\" to support rather than oppose in the name of \"balance\" for \"car parking\". Brisbane is being left far behind in terms of protected bike lanes compared to cities in North America. Counts have shown that only 10% of cyclists on Sylvan Road are female.

<http://www.epetitions.brisbane.qld.gov.au/petition/view/pid/168>

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS:

Chairman: Councillors, are there any petitions? Councillor MATIC.

Councillor MATIC: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I have an ePetition on behalf of cyclists regarding Sylvan Road, Toowong.

It was resolved on the motion of Councillor Ryan MURPHY, seconded by Councillor Victoria NEWTON, that the petitions as presented be received and referred to the Committee concerned for consideration and report.

The petitions were summarised as follows:

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Peter Matic

Requesting that Sylvan Road, Toowong, be upgraded with protected bike lanes