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Re: CBD BUG letter to 2015 State Election candidate re need to foster bike riding

From: people@peopledecide.org.au
Sent: Wednesday, 21 January 2015 11:25:30 PM
To: convenors@cdbdbug.org.au

Dear Mr Campbell,

I ride and walk everywhere I would love to see more bicycle and walking infrastructure across Brisbane.

Karel

On 2015-01-21T22:16:03+10:00, Brisbane CBD BUG <convenors@cdbdbug.org.au> wrote:

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- > BrisbaneCentral Business District Bicycle User GroupCBDBUGGPOBox 2104, Brisbane
4001convenors@cdbdbug.org.auwww.cdbdbug.org.au MrKarelBoeleIndependentcandidate for
SouthBrisbaneC/-people@peopledecide.org.au
- > DearMrBoele
- > Thisletter seeks your commitment as the Independentcandidate for the seat of SouthBrisbanein the
2015 Queensland State Election to increasing the proportion oftrips made by bicycle.
- > Asbackground for you to this letter, the Brisbane Central BusinessDistrict Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG)
is a grass roots volunteerorganisation of more than 700 members, representing the interests ofthe very
large number of people riding bicycles to, from and withinthe Brisbane city centre. It is active in seeking
policy decisions atall levels of government supporting people who want to cycle, and inparticular relating
to improved infrastructure, end-of-tripfacilities, integration of cycling needs with other transport
modesand a regulatory environment friendly towards people riding bikes.Our members meet monthly to
exchange information and ideas, discussissues of relevance and determine the direction of policies
tobenefit CBD cyclists.
- > AustralianBureau of Statistics data indicates that almost 40% of trips toregular destinations by Brisbane
residents are made via private motorvehicle over short distances that could instead easily be traveled
bybicycle (or even walking). Importantly, enabling people to leavetheir cars at home and cycle (or walk)
would have a range of benefitsincluding: easing the cost of living; turning back the rising tide ofobesity;
reducing traffic congestion; alleviating pollution;increasing productivity and providing a safer and
moresocially-connected community.
- > Arange of reputable studies also indicates that approximately 40% ofthe community would like to ride
bikes more frequently, but is putoff taking up cycling because of the lack of suitable infrastructureand
concerns about the safety of cycling on-road. Women areparticularly concerned about the dangers posed
by motor vehicles.
- > Inlight of this compelling information, now is the time for theQueensland Government to increase its
efforts to re-balance itsapproach to urban transport and prioritise cycling and walking aheadof driving.
- > Accordingly,the CBD BUG would like you to articulate how you envisage yourconstituents (aged 8 to 80
years) traveling safely by bike aroundyour electorate and to/from the Brisbane CBD.
- > Ifyou have any questions in relation to this letter please do nothesitate to contact me directly.
- > Yoursincerely
- > DonaldCampbellCo-convenorBrisbaneCBD BUG21January 2015
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