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My dear Lord Mayor

The Brisbane CBD Bicycle User Group is writing to you to gain a better understanding of some components of the Brisbane City Council Annual Report 2014-15 that relate to cycling infrastructure.

On page 3, Brisbane at a Glance, bikeways were stated as being 1,324.8 km as at 30 June 2015. In the previous year's Annual Report (page 2) they were stated as being 1,157 km as at 30 June 2014. We take it then that 167.8 km has been added to the bikeway network in the city.

On page 57 of the Annual Report you list the following bikeway projects that we assume you consider additional to the network prior to 2015 - we do not consider all of these as additional as at June 2015:

•	Bicentennial Bikeway Stage 4 Bennetts Rd, Norman Park and Camp Hill Bulimba Riverside Park, Bulimba Cabbage Tree Creek Stage 4, Aspley Centenary Bikeway, Akuna St, Kenmore Eight Mile Plains Bikeway, Eight Mile Plains	0.5 km (upgrade to existing) 1.9 km (not complete) 0.2 km 0.2 km 0.9 km (start mid-July '15) 0.2 km
•	Kedron Brook Bikeway, Uxbridge St to Shaw Rd Klumpp Rd Bikeway to Roly Chapman Reserve Northern Bikeway, Rode Rd to Kuran St, Wavell Heights	1.1 km (upgrade to existing) 0.5 km 1.0 km
TOTAL		6.5 km

In the Lord Mayor's Report (page 21) you stated "Our \$120 million commitment to bikeways is on track to be completed over the coming year, with 13,403 m² of new bike paths installed and significant work undertaken to upgrade the Bicentennial Bikeway." At an average width of 2 m, this would equate to 6.7 km of new bike paths. This roughly equates to the length of the projects outlined above. Note that Cycling Aspects of Austroads Guides 2014 (Table 7.5, 7.6 and 7.7) specifies a desirable minimum path width of 2.5 m for bicycle paths, shared paths, and separated two-way paths.

Given the total length of reported bikeways has increased by 167.8 km and you claim new construction of 6.5 km, how do you account for the 161.3 km not documented in the list of projects?

Where has this 161.3 km of bikeways been added to the network?

Yours sincerely,

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