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## Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group

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The Right Honourable Graham Quirk  
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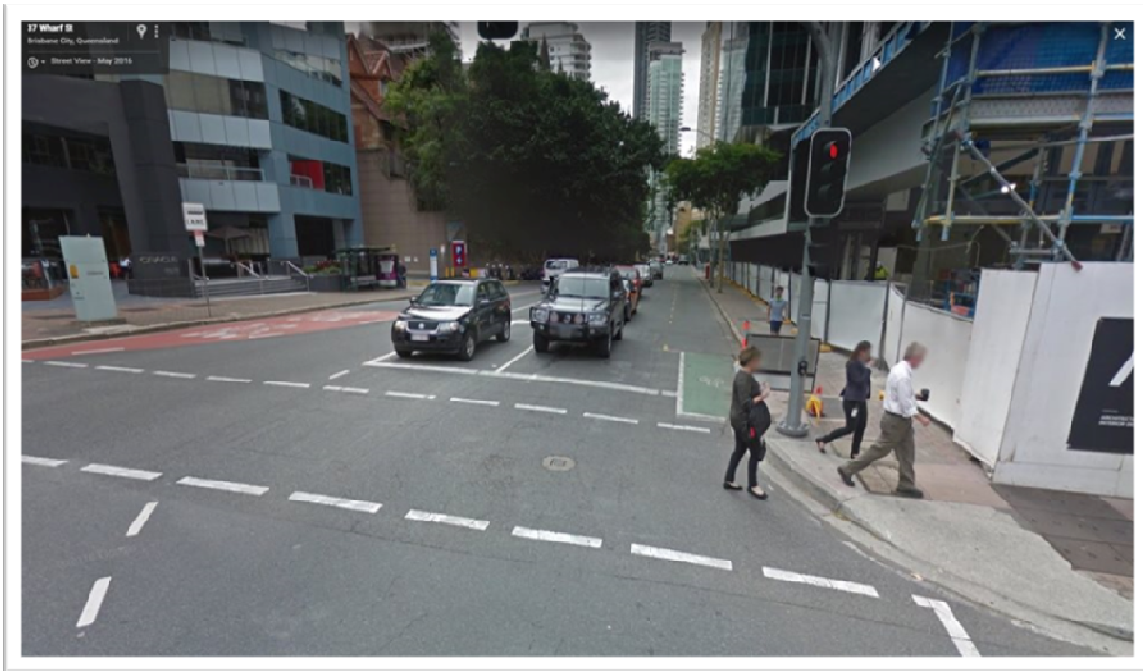
Dear Lord Mayor

### **Removal of bike Stand-Up Lane – Adelaide St northern approach to Wharf St**

I am writing regarding the recent removal of the bike Stand-Up Lane at the corner of Adelaide St and Wharf St in the Brisbane Central Business District (CBD).

Figure 1 below shows the lane in May 2016 prior to its removal.

#### **Figure 1: Former Bike Stand-Up Lane, Adelaide St & Wharf St intersection (May 2016)**



Figures 2 and 3 on the following page show the current status of this space following the removal of this Bike Stand-Up Lane.

The manner in which motor vehicles are now queuing at this intersection following removal of the bike Stand-Up Lane would make it obvious why this made cycling in the CBD slightly more comfortable and safer.

**Figure 2: Bike Stand-Up lane removed, Adelaide St & Wharf St intersection**



**Figure 3: Bike Stand-Up lane removed, Adelaide St & Wharf St intersection**



It may be the case that Council removed this bike Stand-Up Lane as part of its attempts to reduce traffic congestion, an approach the CBD BUG has witnessed previously at other intersections across Brisbane. However, it is suggested this change would have a marginal effect in this regard at the very most, while at the same time reducing safety for users of a travel mode that if better supported by Council would have this desired result.

It is very disappointing that the tiny space allocated to people riding bicycles in the CBD is being further reduced. It also causes us to question how genuine Council is in its stated commitment to increasing the mode share of cycling to 5% by 2026. This is especially the case as one component of the *Brisbane Active Transport Strategy 2012-2016* was that “Initiatives have included installing green bike lanes and bike stand-up areas at intersections” (page 10).

We call upon you to return this small but significant space to its status prior to June 2016 by reinstating the bike stand-up lane at the intersection of Adelaide St and Wharf St.

Yours sincerely

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