

Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group CBD BUG

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Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP Acting Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports GPO Box 2644 Brisbane, QLD, 4001

Dear Minister Dr Steven Miles

The CBD BUG is writing to you with regard to concerns about the recent lack of progress with the delivery of the North Brisbane Bikeway (Stages 2, 3A, 3B & 3C).

The North Brisbane Bikeway is set to be a ground breaking project in Brisbane. It will demonstrate that protected bikelanes in combination with priority crossings will function effectively as demonstrated throughout the world. CBD BUG members have ridden along such infrastructure in Sydney (Bourke St & George St) and found the priority crossings to be an essential component.

The CBD BUG has noted that funding for the North Brisbane Bikeway has been reduced from the \$24.789 million indicated in the 2016/17 Budget Papers (Capital Statement) to just the \$13.180 million listed in the 2017/18 Budget Papers (Capital Statement). The CBD BUG is also currently unaware of any contracting for construction nor any tendering documents.

Apart from the reduced budget the CBD BUG is also deeply concerned that progress on this vital project to make cycling an inviting form of transport for all is being once again delayed. The people of Brisbane who live on the north side have been waiting for this project to be delivered for over 10 years, while cycling levels have stagnated due to the lack of safe and connected cycling infrastructure.

Accordingly, the CBD BUG would like to enquire, what is the reason/s for this apparent delay in the delivering of the North Brisbane Bikeway (Stages 2, 3A, 3B & 3C) and has the scope of the project been reduced?

Yours faithfully

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Cr David McLachlan – Councilor –Hamilton Ward
Cr Adrian Schrinner – Head of Active Transport – Brisbane City Council
Hon. Mark Bailey – State Minister – Minister for Roads
Hon. Grace Grace MP – Qld state member – Brisbane Central
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