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The Right Honourable Graham Quirk
Lord Mayor of Brisbane
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Via email: lordmayor@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Dear Lord Mayor

The CBD BUG is writing to you to support the call by the Councillor for the Morningside Ward Cr Kara Cook to make the ferry between Bulimba and Teneriffe free. The CBD BUG supports this as it will provide an incentive for people to ride a bike to the Brisbane CBD by removing the extra cost.

In 2013 the CBD BUG contacted you regarding this being a barrier to more people wishing to use active transport as a way to access the Brisbane CBD from the eastern suburbs. At the time the CBD BUG suggested that only people with a bike be able to use the Bulimba Ferry free of charge. Following the original letter in 2013 that was referred on to Translink, the CBD BUG position has evolved. Understanding the practical limitations of such a concept as originally proposed, the CBD BUG now agrees with the concept that all users of the Bulimba Ferry should be free from charge.

Council has the ability to make this trip free, as demonstrated in 2012 when you made the CityHopper free. This change proved to be very popular with it reported that patronage jumped 100% within a year.

We are aware of cost but believe the benefits far outweigh this. As the Bulimba Ferry is operated (at any one time) by only a single small vessel (compared with three larger vessels for CityHopper) we estimate operating costs would be at most one third that of the CityHopper.

Some councillors are quite correct that people using the Bulimba ferry to connect with bus services will gain no benefit. However the river and topography of Brisbane can act as a barrier to people walking and cycling, especially in Bulimba and surrounding suburbs.

In closing the CBD BUG sees the making of Bulimba Ferry free for all users as a simple cost effective option to provide an effective cost efficient solution in the interim to a bridge being constructed. We look forward to you adopting this measure in the near future.

Sincerely

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