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The Honourable Grace Grace MP
State Member for McConnell
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Via email to: mcconnel@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Ms Grace

We write to you once again regarding the improvements you committed to during the 2020 Queensland state election in relation to enabling people walking and riding bicycles to safely access the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH).

During the 2020 Queensland State election Brisbane CBD BUG members were very pleased you committed to:

1. Investigate improved pedestrian and cyclist safety following the tragic death of Carolyn Lister (refer Figure 1)
2. Installation of casual bike parking at the Main Entrance at the RBWH. (refer Figure 2)

The CBD BUG is concerned with the delayed progress on both matters.

Investigating improved pedestrian & cyclist safety.

As always, the CBD BUG appreciates receiving detailed briefings on matters that concern the safety of people getting about on a bike and the ability to provide direct feedback before information is released to the general public. That said, the CBD BUG also supports and expects open and transparent processes. Considering the investigation was announced to have occurred it would be appropriate that the public should have access to the results of the investigation.

Installation of casual bike parking at the Main Entrance at the RBWH.

The Collins dictionary describes the word "at" as a preposition e.g. next to something (figure 3) further to this point TMR guidelines advise on placement (figure 4). The commitment was "casual bike parking will be installed at the Main Entrance at the Royal Brisbane Women's Hospital".

The CBD BUG does not view the spirit of this commitment as having been achieved. The location of the installed casual parking is not at, next to, or even near the main entrance. What

has been installed is down the hill out of sight of the main entrance, closer to Butterfield St than the main entrance. While we understand that the public service has advised the commitment has been met, the commitment was not to the public service but to the people of McConnel and specifically the people that get about on a bicycle.

As a group advocating for people getting about on a bike, we do not agree that the commitment has been met. We would also point out the lack of concern of those installing the casual bike rack is also demonstrated by the fact the rack has been incorrectly assembled (figure 5) and is non-compliant with the 1800mm x 1200mm x 500mm "Bicycle Spacing Envelope" detailed in AS2890.3 (2015). What should be a bike rack for four bikes can only hold three bikes due to incorrect assembly. Due to this shoddy work the rack that has been installed is certain to be underutilized - and therefore an inefficient use of taxpayer dollars.

Cycling has enormous benefits to the health system, but it needs to be supported in ensuring people can access hospitals (such as the RBWH) in a safe manner and are able to store their bicycle (when casually visiting, or arriving at an odd hour) in a location that they are confident is relatively secure. It disappoints us to say this has not been achieved. Due to the poor placement of the casual rack many are unaware of its existence and are unwilling to use it due to previously discussed issues.

The CBD BUG is keen to have these issues corrected so people are safe when accessing the RBWH and have a secure location to casually store their method of transport (bicycle).

Looking forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Donald Campbell
Brisbane CBD BUG
9th June 2023

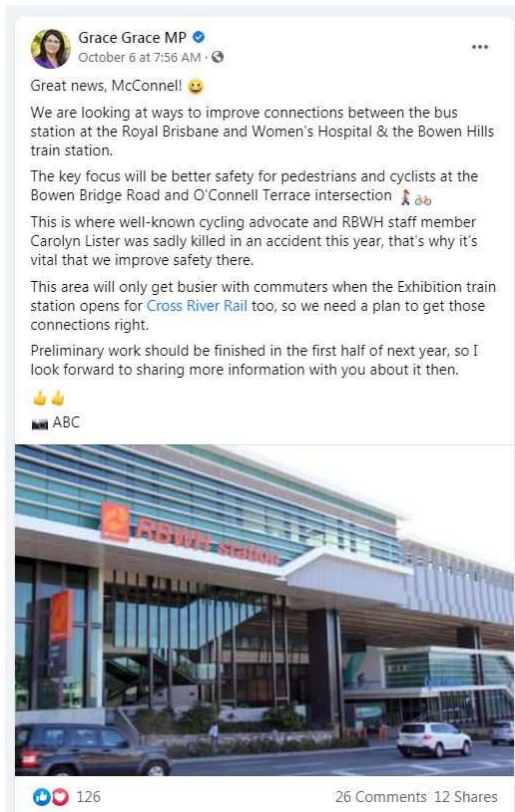


Figure 1 & 2 - Election commitments

Definition of 'at'

at
Collins COBUILD

Word Frequency ●●●●●

(ət) ⓘ, STRONG æt ⓘ ⓘ

In addition to the uses shown below, **at** is used after some verbs, nouns, and adjectives to introduce extra information. **At** is also used in phrasal verbs such as 'keep on at' and 'play at'.

- PREPOSITION A1**
You use **at** to indicate the place or event where something happens or is situated.
We had dinner at a restaurant in Attleborough. ⓘ
He will be at the airport to meet her. ⓘ
I didn't like being alone at home. ⓘ
Hamstrings are supporting muscles at the back of the thigh. ⓘ
The announcement was made at a news conference in Beijing. ⓘ
- PREPOSITION A1**
If someone is **at school** or **college**, or **at** a particular school or college, they go there regularly to study.
He was shy and nervous as a boy, and unhappy at school. ⓘ
It was at university that he first encountered Hopkins. ⓘ
I majored in psychology at Hunter College. ⓘ
- PREPOSITION A1**
If you are **at** something such as a **table**, a **door**, or someone's side, you are next to it or them.
An assistant sat typing away at a table beside him. ⓘ
Graham was already at the door. ⓘ
At his side was a beautiful young woman. ⓘ
He gave the girl at the desk the message. ⓘ

Figure 3 – Definition of "at"

Checklist 2 Dos and don'ts of locating bicycle parking facilities

- ☑ **DO** place short-term parking as close to the building entrance as possible
- ☑ **DO** make bicycle parking visible to bike riders, building security, foot traffic and anyone who might approach the building. Visible parking facilities reduces incidents of theft and vandalism.
- ☒ **DON'T** reduce the visibility of bicycle parking facilities by installing them in out-of-the-way places or by screening them with landscaping.
- ☒ **DON'T** place bicycle parking where an irrigation system waters bicycles.

Figure 4 – TMR Guideline Checklist



Figure 5 – incorrect installation limits bike rack capacity to 3 not 4 bikes.