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Dear Minister Bailey

The CBD BUG is writing to you seeking a progress update on projects promised during the 2020 Queensland Government State Election (Figures 1-7).

As you are aware Queenslanders are currently being financially impacted due to unusually high inflation sitting at over 7%. Thankfully, holistically speaking getting about by bike is insulated from such costs, however this means the need for high quality cycling infrastructure is required now more than ever. Due to the CBD BUG being a Brisbane based organization our interest is focused on projects that occur in the Brisbane metro region. These projects include:

- Bike Friendly Streets, South Brisbane, \$10m
- Birdwood Rd Cycle Bridge Design, Holland Park, \$1.6m
- Lower River Terrace VeloBridge
- Missing Gaps, Kangaroo Point Riverwalk, \$22.5m
- Widen path between River Terrace & St Vincent's Hospital, Kangaroo Point

The CBD BUG is very aware this list does not include every cycling project that is occurring during this term of Government. Some have been completed and others were not included in the election commitments. The list above is simply the projects that were promised during the election.

Overall, the CBD BUG has been pleased with what has been achieved to date but our focus will remain on more safe infrastructure being developed to ensure the maximum benefits of cycling (both economic and social) can be enjoyed.

Looking forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely

Donald Campbell
Brisbane CBD BUG
30 January 2023

GETTING ACTIVE

LABOR'S PLAN FOR HEALTHIER, CLEANER AND MORE ACTIVE TRANSPORT



More Queenslanders are riding bikes than ever before – well over 800,000 Queenslanders in a typical week, and we know that number is even greater since the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, when compared to the same time last year, an estimated 1 million extra riders have used Brisbane's bikeways.

Investing in bike riding and active transport makes good sense. It means better health, a better transport system and better communities. That's why the Palaszczuk Government ensures that active transport is included in all our major transport projects.

We know the incredible potential of rail trails adding to the tourism economy as people explore Queensland with our sunny warm days and extraordinary diversity of landscapes from Cape York to Coolangatta.

The LNP cut \$100 million from active transport when they were in government, calling it 'gold plating'. Since 2015, we have funded 253 projects and have a plan for active transport.



OUR COMMITMENT AND PLAN FOR QUEENSLAND

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will continue to invest in active transport including over \$58 million for active transport projects in 20/21 to deliver better and safer infrastructure, and more options for Queenslanders to get to and from work.

We have a strong record of prioritising projects that deliver bikeways that are physically separated from other traffic to make riding safer and support new riders.

We will commit to working with local governments to deliver more active transport options across Queensland. We know more separated bike paths are needed and that is what we will deliver.

This includes delivering separated bi-directional bikeways in the CBD with Brisbane City Council, to provide safe and direct connections for inner-city trips and commuting. This project was made possible with the Palaszczuk Government's \$200 million COVID Works for Queensland program – part of the \$11 billion Economic Recovery Plan.

Earlier this year, in response to a huge uptick in bike riding during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to ensure active transport journeys are connected, the Palaszczuk Government established the Active Transport Advisory Committee (ATAC) in partnership with Brisbane City Council.

We have also boosted our jointly-funded programs with local government, across Queensland. We will also continue to ensure active transport is considered as a part of all major transport projects.



WORKING TOGETHER FOR QUEENSLAND

Figure 1



PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT'S RECORD

Since 2015, the Palaszczuk Government has funded 253 active transport projects right across Queensland.

In 2018, we expanded the cycle network grants program to ensure planning and investment in bike riding would happen across the entire State, not just for South East Queensland.

We have supported projects such as the Dean Street shared path in Townsville, providing a vital pedestrian link to the new stadium, the upgrade of on and off-road cycling facilities on Yeppoon Emu Park Road, as well as a new Highfields cycleway along the New England Highway in Toowoomba.

During the last term of government, we amended policies to ensure that active transport infrastructure is delivered as part of every major road or transport project. That means that new bike riding paths and connections are being built as part of the \$400M Ipswich Motorway Upgrade, Gateway Upgrade North and Caloundra Road to Sunshine Motorway and Edmonton to Gordonvale as part of Bruce Highway Upgrades, to name but a few.

NEWMAN-FRECKLINGTON LEGACY

Labor	Delivered \$168 million in bike infrastructure since 2015	Expanded the cycle network grants program across Queensland	Ensured active transport delivered on all major transport projects	Established new rail trail program
LNP Cuts	Cut \$100 million out of active transport and called bike riding infrastructure "gold plating"	Ignored the regions and only delivered cycle network grants to SEQ	Changed the cycling infrastructure policy to stop active transport with major transport projects	\$1.6 billion in cuts to the road and transport budget

GETTING ACTIVE IN QUEENSLAND

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will pump over \$58 million in 2020/21 into active transport projects right across Queensland and will continue to work closely with bike riding groups. These projects include:

New Cycleways and Active Transport	Funding	Locality
Upgrades to further develop a network of bike-friendly streets	\$10 million	South Brisbane
Labrador - Carrara Road, Gold Coast Highway to Napper Road, construct cycleway	\$3.3 million	Northern Gold Coast
Birdwood Road cycle bridge design	\$1.6 million	Holland Park West
Highfields to Toowoomba CBD Cycleway - Stage 2 design	\$880,000	Toowoomba
Beerburum to Landsborough rail upgrade Design / Construction	\$6.5 million	Sunshine Coast
Bruce Highway Stuart Drive intersection and shared path design	\$400,000	Wulguru
Dawson Highway (Moura) On-Road Cycle Lanes	\$380,000	Moura
Bucasia Road / Sologinkins Road Shared Path Improvements Design	\$100,000	Rural View
North Townsville Road, Ingham Road to Shaw Road, Bohle River Bridge and approaches, construct pedestrian and bicycle facility	\$2.8 million	Townsville
Blue Water Trail - Cross City Link - construct off-road shared cycle path	\$1.8 million	Mackay
Tannum Sands Road - off-road Cycle / Pedestrian shared path	\$2.56 million	Gladstone

Figure 2

Palaszczuk Labor Government - Building Better Bikeways

Veloway Stage E

The \$45 million Veloway 1 Stage E is a nation leading example of high quality cycle infrastructure. This project was funded and completed by the Palaszczuk Government and opens up an almost uninterrupted 17km ride from Eight Mile Plains to the Brisbane CBD.

It makes it much safer for everyone with riders physically separated from traffic with bridges over Marshall Road, Sterculia Avenue and Bapaume Road at the Gaza Road off-ramp.

Townsville

Earlier this year construction was completed on the new joint \$7.4 million active transport and pedestrian bridge at Reid Park which links up the new Stadium and the Waterfront area.

Building active transport infrastructure like this, which is also accessibility compliant, encourages more people to walk or ride to and from the Townsville CBD area and this means healthier, more active Queenslanders as well as the economic benefits it brings.

Gold Coast Oceanway

We have teamed up with the City of Gold Coast to announce \$11.5 million for upgraded and new bike and pedestrian paths. Some of that funding will widen the current path between Burleigh Heads and North Burleigh from 3.5m to 5m.

This will include a business case for a new bike/pedestrian bridge over Currumbin Creek that could link up with the path at Currumbin Alley.

Far North Queensland

The Palaszczuk Government has also invested \$2.5 million for an upgraded 3m wide shared path along the Cairns Northern Beaches Foreshore between Palm Cove and Trinity Beach. The project includes two bridges across Delaneys Creek in Palm Cove and Deep Creek in Kewarra Beach.

We also invested \$1.5 million to upgrade the Mission Beach Cycleway between Porter Promenade, El Arish Mission Beach Road and Tully-Mission Beach Road.

Mackay

Joint \$3.8 million for construction of the upgraded Pioneer River North Bank Path. This project means 750 metres of 3-metre-wide shared path along both sides of the Bruce Highway and connection to the existing path at Willets Road and 250 metres of boardwalk under the existing Ron Camm Bridge connecting to two paths on either side of the Bruce Highway.

Capricorn Coast

An upgrade of cycling facilities at Western Yeppoon - Emu Park Road - Taranganba Road to Yeppoon Road, will be built with a commitment of \$3 million.

North Brisbane Bikeway

Just recently, we completed construction on stages two and three of Brisbane's dedicated Northern Bikeway.

These sections have delivered 1.7km separated bike path from Somerset Street in Albion to Rigby Street in Woolloowin.

Works are also continuing on stage 4 of this project providing cycling lanes along Dickson Street, Woolloowin from Rigby Street to Price Street. We also recently announced the extension of the North Brisbane Bikeway between Chermside and Aspley, including a shared path and on-road bicycle facilities.

Figure 3

Kangaroo Point

We are continuing our investment on the Veloway 1 including a business case to remove and build multiple road crossings and to improve safety where on-road crossings still exist and to progress the Lower River Terrace Velobridge.

As part of the Works for Queensland fund we are widening the existing pathway between River Terrace and St Vincent's Hospital at Kangaroo Point and are installing new lighting fixtures to Bulimba Creek Bikeway between the Veloway V1 and Freesia Street in MacGregor.

We have also committed \$22.5 million to fill in gaps on the popular Riverwalk at Kangaroo Point to create an unbroken bike and pedestrian path linking Kangaroo Point and Mowbray Park.

Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program

Just last year, we invested over \$14 million to support 29 local governments across Queensland to deliver 56 new cycling projects on local networks through the Cycle Network Local Government Grants program 2018-19 funding round. Projects currently underway include:

- Captain Cook Drive Shared Path Construction at Seventeen Seventy (\$455,520 grant)
- Thursday Island Shared Path Stage 3 Construction (\$693,361 grant)
- Slacks Creek Shared Path (Springwood) Design and Construction in Logan (\$827,363 grant)
- Dunne Road Connection Path Design and Construction in Cairns (\$1 million grant).

In 2020/21 we are rolling out a further \$15 million investment in partnership with local governments, including the Stage 2 of Cooya to Mossman a \$2.5 million project and a \$4.4 million cycle path between Munna Point Bridge and Garth Prowd Bridge in Noosa.

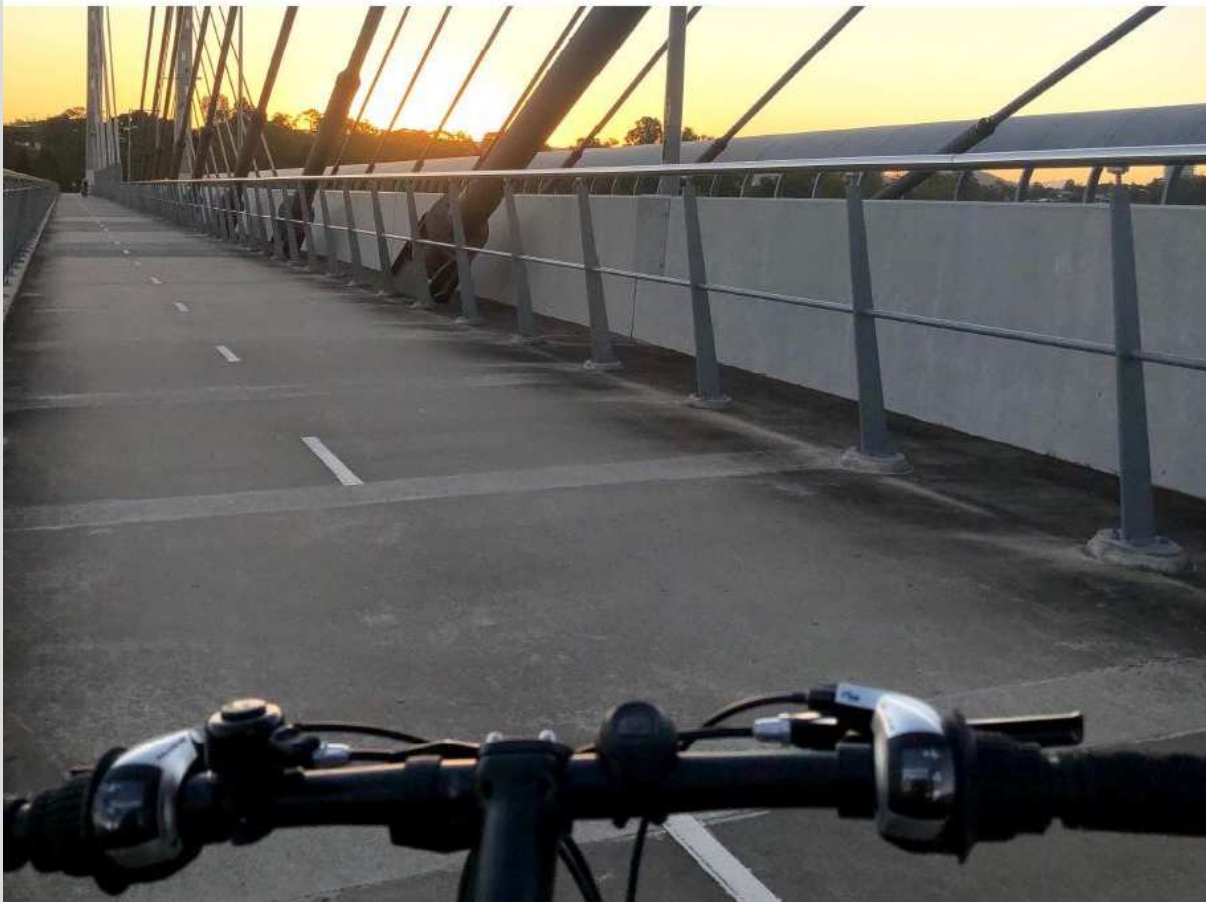


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Rail Trails

In Queensland we are lucky to have wide open spaces and almost year-round perfect weather which is ideal for getting out and about to explore new parts of the state, particularly regional Queensland. This provides a great opportunity to create an array of rail trails across our state, creating tourism opportunities and associated tourism job opportunities.

Rail trails support active, healthy lifestyles and contribute to diversity in local economies through growth and creation of small business. Many local and inter-state tourists come to regional Queensland to experience a number of established rail trails like the iconic Brisbane Valley Rail Trail, that a re-elected Palaszczuk Government will continue to support.

We have delivered on our 2017 election commitment to establish a \$14 million rail trail fund - to kickstart rail trail development across the state on a 50/50 contribution basis with local governments. So far, this fund has contributed to 17 feasibility studies that are identified as potential projects.

We recently announced works would commence on the Bundaberg to Gin Gin Rail Trail, transforming the region's old rail line into a bustling bikeway. We are investing \$9.5 million with council matching our funding and create 229 jobs by doing the first two stages of 2.5m-wide trail as the region bounces back from COVID-19.

We are also investing \$6.5 million for the hinterland bike and hike trail as part of the Beerburum to Nambour rail upgrade. We are also continue to fund the Caboolture to Wamuran Rail Trail with \$2 million being delivered for Stage 3.

In 2019/20 we invested \$1.6 million to improve the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail and we also recently committed over \$1 million to improve surfaces and safety at several points on the trail supporting more than 12 jobs.

Rail Trail Studies

Project	Status	Distance
Feasibility Study - Aunt Emma Rail Trail, Aramac to Barcardine	Underway	65km
Feasibility Study - Barcoo Way, Yaraka to Blackall	Underway	156km
Concept Design - Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail	Underway	96km
Feasibility Study - South Coast Rail Trails Southport Branch	Underway	65km
Feasibility Study - Westbrook to Wyreema Rail Trail	Underway	6km
Feasibility Study - Oakey to Cecil Plains Rail Trail	Underway	63km
Feasibility Study - Mount Morgan Rail Trail	Underway	20.5km
Feasibility Study - Bethania to Logan Village Rail Trail	Underway	11km



Find out more online about how the Palaszczuk Government is Getting Queenslanders Active and Backing Queensland Jobs

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Figure 5



Annastacia Palaszczuk

WORKING TOGETHER FOR QUEENSLAND

\$58 million bike riding boost

A re-elected Palaszczuk Labor Government will invest more than \$58 million this year in new and improved bike riding and rail trail projects across the state.

With more Queenslanders riding bikes than ever before, the Palaszczuk Labor Government will continue its strong record of investing in active transport.

Among the projects to be funded is a \$22.5 million commitment to fill in gaps on the popular Riverwalk at Kangaroo Point to create an unbroken bike and pedestrian path linking Kangaroo Point and Mowbray Park.

Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said more than 250 bike riding projects had been funded by her government since 2015.

"Campbell Newman and the LNP turned their nose up investing in bike riding, dismissing those projects as 'gold plating' and ripping \$100 million out of Queensland's active transport budget," he said.

"We restored funding when we were elected in 2015 and since then have championed investments to support more than 800,000 Queenslanders who ride their bike every week.

"We also know that on average, every dollar we invest brings in economic benefits to Queensland through better health outcomes and congestion reduction – and jobs.

"In 2018, we expanded the cycle network grants program to ensure planning and investment in bike riding would happen across the entire state, not just in south east Queensland.

"Queenslanders can depend on Labor to work cooperatively with local councils and bike riding groups to prioritise and build projects that the community wants."

Mr Bailey said Labor's move to establish the Active Transport Advisory Committee with Brisbane City Council demonstrated its support for more people to try bike riding.

"Since 2015, Labor has invested over \$168 million in bike infrastructure and programs," he said.

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Figure 6

"That includes building stages of the Veloway 1 to open up an almost uninterrupted 17km ride from Eight Mile Plains to the Brisbane CBD and building new links in Townsville, Cairns, Mackay, Yeppoon and Mission Beach.

"Labor has also delivered on our 2017 election commitment to establish a \$14 million rail trail fund - to kickstart rail trail development across the state in partnership with local governments that is developing 17 potential rail trail projects.

"We're doing the planning now on eight new rail trail projects that will deliver almost 400km of new bike trails for locals and tourists to explore across our state."

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