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Dear Mr Campbell

Thank you for your letter dated 25 February 2019 in relation to provision of casual bicycle parking at The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH), Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH). The Honourable Steven Miles MP, Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services, has asked that I respond directly to you on this occasion.

The RBWH Cycle Centre provides a large amount of bicycle parking at a minimal cost for patients, visitors and staff at the RBWH. In addition, bicycle racks are located under Block 7 at the corner of Bowen Bridge and Herston Roads, and adjacent to the Herston Imaging Research Facility (HIRF). At the TPCH campus, a lock up cage for bicycle parking is located at the front of the hospital (located near the Indigenous Respiratory Outreach Care building, next to the swimming pool.

Due to the need to comply with fire safety, pedestrian entry and egress standards, as well as the requirement to ensure the general safety of patients, visitors and staff at the hospital, RBWH is unable to place additional bicycle parking at the main entry of the hospital. In addition, the facility will be undertaking major works to the main front circular drive of the RBWH later this year to improve traffic flow and to ensure the continued safety of patients, visitors and staff.

TPCH has acknowledged the need for end of trip facilities and has requested the inclusion of these facilities be considered as part of planning for future infrastructure development on the site.

Thank you for raising the views of the CBD BUG; we appreciate the need to support Brisbane's cycling community in providing bicycle parking at Queensland Health facilities as part of the overall management of the sites and provision of essential healthcare to Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely

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