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Dear Councillor Cunningham

Submission on Brisbane City Council draft off-road cycling strategy

The Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) commends Brisbane City Council (BCC) for developing this draft off-road cycling strategy.

We agree with the reasons outlined for this strategy. It is highly regrettable there has been instances of unauthorised cycling track being created within Council parks and bushland reserves. However, these tracks are a clear indication there is a demand by the community for off-road cycling opportunities in such areas. The CBD BUG also endorses Council's proposition that additional, legitimate visitors will help protect these green spaces, with the increased passive surveillance then contributing to the prevention of illegal activities that can include - arson, motorbike riding, plant theft, vandalism and illegal dumping.

The primary focus of this strategy is of course to develop new off-road facilities for recreational use. However, the CBD BUG strongly supports this strategy for the potential opportunities for new shared use trails that would enable people riding bicycles for utility purposes to travel through large bushland areas that currently pose a significant barrier to cycling.

A prime example of where this outcome has already been achieved are the paths through Milne Hill Reserve and the adjoining Raven Street Reserve in Chermanside West, which provide people riding bicycles for transport with a safe way to travel from Little Cabbage Tree Creek to Downfall Creek and beyond to Rode Road.

It should also not be overlooked that because of Brisbane's generally cyclist-unfriendly road environment, more paths / trails through BCC parks and bushland reserves would provide a safer alternative for getting kids into the healthy activity of bicycle riding.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this strategy.

Yours faithfully



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