



Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group

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The Honourable Mark Bailey MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads:
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Via email to: transportandmainroads@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Dear Minister

I write to you on behalf of Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) members regarding the need for surveillance technology to be installed to enable enforcement action in response to the current misuse of bus lanes / jump zones by people driving private motor vehicles.

As you are aware people riding bicycles are permitted to ride in bus lanes under s154 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Road Rules) Regulation 2009*. While the CBD BUG will always prefer protected infrastructure separated from general traffic on busy roads, bus lanes do offer the ability for riders to travel in a lane void of general traffic with all the associated benefits. Regrettably, many motorists are failing to respect this rule and drive their private motor vehicles in bus lanes, removing any benefit these lanes offer to people on bicycles and public transport users.

Figures 1 and 2 on the following page were captured on Ann Street at its intersection with James Street during the evening peak travel period showing examples of this widespread and unacceptable situation.

The benefits of installing dedicated bus lanes/jump zones to improve public transport services cannot be realized while private motorists are allowed to brazenly flout the law and obstruct these lanes/zones.

We are aware police will on an irregular basis perform enforcement action at some of these locations. However, given their finite resources these enforcement exercises are quite infrequent - and hence do not pose a sufficient deterrent to prevent this common motorist misbehaviour.

Accordingly, the CBD BUG requests your department installs (working with Brisbane City Council if required) camera surveillance technology to automate the detection of these road rule breaches and enable the issuing of infringement notices to private motorists ignoring the road rules and blocking bus lanes/jump zones of Brisbane - with a priority placed on the inner city.

Looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely



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Cc: Space for Cycling Brisbane
Bicycle Queensland
Rail Back on Track

Figure 1



Figure 2

