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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 12 November 2010 commending Council on the recently established CityCycle scheme, the reopening of King George Square to cyclists, and improved cyclist awareness signs.

I appreciate the Bicycle User Group's (BUG) support in relation to initiatives aimed at improving active travel across Brisbane. I would also like to thank you for your recent work in answering the review of the Bicycle Brisbane Plan, including valuable feedback for improving safety of both commuters and cyclists in and around the CBD.

As you are aware, CityCycle is part of my comprehensive plan to keep Brisbane moving and offers an affordable, clean and green alternative to travelling by car. CityCycle will assist in reducing traffic congestion and local parking pressures, as more car trips are replaced by cycle trips. I was pleased to read your comments that people are starting to change their travel choices and be more active.

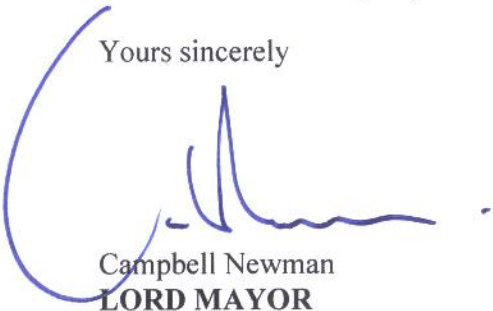
CityCycle subscribers continue to grow with over 2700 people now signed on. I am very pleased with these results given it is still only early days and that just over a third of the stations have been rolled out. I share your enthusiasm for the roll-out of Stage 2, and I am eager to see the impact this will have on wider travel patterns. I have asked the delivery team to try to get all 150 stations operational by mid 2011.

I also acknowledge your comments on the improved Bicycle Awareness Zones (BAZ) around the CBD. BAZ assists in making motorists more aware of cyclists using our roads.

Council is keen to continue its association with CBD BUG through regular meetings. I understand that this group will next be meeting with our Active Transport branch in February 2011. I look forward to hearing of further initiatives from your group.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me. May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely



Campbell Newman
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