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Dr Richard Bean
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Dear Dr Bean

Thank you for your email of 22 May requesting information about data regarding female cycling participation in Brisbane further to that provided at the Council meeting of 5 May 2015. My apologies for the delay in replying.

As I mentioned at the Council meeting, we have seen an increase in the number of female cyclists in Brisbane in the past few years. During the same period Council has made a record investment in cycling infrastructure through the \$120 million Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane (BB4B) program to extend our cycle network, building new separated facilities which are safer and as a result, more attractive to a wider cross section of the community.

The increased attractiveness of the network has no doubt contributed to the overall increase in cycling across the Brisbane area, which has seen growth of 6.7% per year since 2004 at key sites observed each October.

In addition to increasing the overall number of people cycling in Brisbane Council is seeking to encourage participation across the community. Since 2012, Council has monitored the gender of cyclists using the network in our annual October counts to assess the level of female cycling participation.

In 2012 11% of cyclists observed at count locations were female. By 2013, the proportion of female riders rose to 17% and then to 20% in 2014. This is a fantastic improvement in the level of female cycling participation in the city. I can confirm that the above figures are a correct representation of the counts undertaken for this period by independent consultants on behalf of Council.

The increase in the total number of people, including female cyclists across the network is great to see and as the final phase of construction rolls out for the BB4B program Council more dedicated bicycle infrastructure will be delivered to further support and encourage growth in the number of people choosing to ride a bicycle.

If you have any further questions about the information which I have provided please contact Mr Lindsay Enright on 3403 8888.

Yours sincerely

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