



Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group - CBDBUG

Sebastian Tauchmann, 80 Ann Street, 3224 8491, sebastian.tauchmann@dpi.qld.gov.au

Paul Murdoch, 259 Queen Street (BoQ Centre), 3815 9403 (w), pmurd@bigpond.net.au

GPO Box 2104, Brisbane 4001

cdbbug@yahoo.com.au

The Honourable Paul Lucas
Minister for Transport and Main Roads
GPO Box 2644
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Minister,

Cycling facilities – South Bank TAFE

I write on behalf of the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle Users' Group (CBD BUG) seeking your support and intervention to ensure that the much lauded PPP redevelopment of the South Bank TAFE is undertaken consistent with the government's Queensland Cycle Strategy (QCS) and the policies and priorities developed by your department.

CBD BUG is the organisation which represents the interests of the very large number of Brisbane residents who commute or ride bicycles to, from and within the Central Business District.

As you would be well aware, cycling is a crucial element of active transport, currently relatively small but growing rapidly in all its manifestations. Current government policy aims to increase bicycle trips to 8% by 2011 from its current 3% level¹. This goal will not be achieved without substantial efforts in the twin areas of behaviour change and infrastructure provision. It is widely recognised that a major barrier to greater use of the bicycle as a means of transport in urban areas such as Brisbane is the lack of facilities (eg parking, lockers and showers)².

We are aware of the to-date unsuccessful attempts by our fellow-cyclists in the South Bank BUG to ensure that the redevelopment of the South Bank TAFE advances current government policies supportive of active transport. The South Bank BUG has sought the intervention of the relevant Minister for Education and the Arts to ensure this opportunity to encourage cycling and active transport generally is not wasted. We support the South Bank BUG's position, and strongly urge you to intervene and encourage your ministerial colleague to ensure that this redevelopment proceeds in such a way that the redevelopment is consistent with the Queensland Cycling Strategy and enables current and potential cyclists amongst staff and students to access this institution utilising the healthiest and most sustainable transport mode available – cycling.

Yours sincerely

Paul Murdoch
Co-convenor
Brisbane CBD Bicycle users' Group

27 November 2006

¹ Queensland Transport (1997) *Integrated Regional Transport Plan for South East Queensland* Queensland Transport, Brisbane

² See for example Queensland Transport (1998) *Shaping Up: Shaping urban communities to support public transport, cycling and walking in Queensland* Queensland Transport, Brisbane 2nd Edition p. 9-10