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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter dated 24 March 2011 concerning cycling facilities at Stadiums Queensland venues. The Honourable Phil Reeves MP, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Sport, has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The venues for which Stadiums Queensland is responsible are primarily used for major sporting events. The greatest number of people (by far) use public transport when attending these venues. Transport and traffic control is, therefore, a very significant part of the management of events at SQ facilities to ensure the tens of thousands of people, who attend the events, can move safely into and out of venue precincts within short time periods. Stadiums Queensland's priority is the safe and efficient operation of public transport services to provide ease of access into and out of venue precincts.

Despite the low level of demand for cycling facilities at major events, there is access to facilities for cyclists either at or in close vicinity to Stadiums Queensland venues.

There are space limitations and safety factors affecting the location of end of trip cycling facilities at some Stadiums Queensland venues. For example, the Brisbane Cricket Ground site has very limited space, but patrons with bicycles have access to Brisbane City Council facilities in close proximity to the venue. Given that the venue forms part of the Woolloongabba entertainment precinct, the Brisbane City Council facilities are available to all cyclists accessing the precinct, including those attending events at the Brisbane Cricket Ground.

The availability of cycling facilities either at or within close proximity to Stadiums Queensland venues is summarised in the table below.

SQ Venue	Cycling Facilities	Capacity
Skilled Park	Northern Plaza (4 racks) and Eastern Plaza (2 racks) Precincts	42
Dairy Farmers Stadium	Northern Entry point (1 rack)	8
Brisbane Cricket Ground	Corner of Logan Road and Ipswich Road (1 rack) Corner of Stanley Street and Hubert/Reid Street (1 rack)	9
Metricon Stadium, Gold Coast	Western (4 racks) and Eastern (3 racks) entry points	50
Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre	Outside entrance to Queensland Academy of Sport office (1 racks)	5
Queensland Tennis Centre	Main Entrance (6 single pole stations) Near Show Courts (9 single pole stations) Near Grass Courts (2 single pole stations)	17
Sleeman Sports Complex	Main entry to Aquatic Centre (1 rack)	6
Suncorp Stadium	Southern (3 racks) plaza and entrance to PCYC building (2 racks) with a total capacity for 50 bikes	50
<i>NB: Total venue racking capacity is dependent upon the proper use of the rack facility.</i>		

The use of venue infrastructure such as footpath fences for securing bicycles is not appropriate because of the impact this would have on the safe movement of large numbers of patrons.

You have referred to the end of trip cycling facilities at the Sydney Cricket Ground and Sydney Football Stadium as an example of best practice. These venues are located within the precinct of quite extensive parklands (Moore Park and Centennial Park), which provide cycling facilities as part of their recreational role. The equivalent Stadiums Queensland venues (Suncorp Stadium and the Brisbane Cricket Ground) are not surrounded by such large parklands, which means there is not the same level of cycling activity occurring in the precinct, compared to the Sydney venues.

In relation to the Queensland Tennis Centre, the temporary closure of King Arthur Terrace between Sofstone Street and Fairfield Road is an essential component of providing for pedestrian safety at the Brisbane International.

During the Brisbane International, patrons queue at the venue from 7.00am prior to gates opening (normally around 10.00am). Given that some event days do not conclude until 10.00pm, it would be impractical for this section of King Arthur Terrace to be continually opened and closed depending on the pedestrian flow throughout the day. In the longer term, there are plans for additional cycling facilities in this precinct once the Tennyson Reach development is completed, which should provide a thoroughfare for cyclists without the need to use King Arthur Terrace.

Stadiums Queensland will continue to monitor patron demand for additional cycling facilities at venues. Information will also be provided on Stadiums Queensland websites to assist cyclists to access facilities in venue precincts on event days.

Thank you for drawing attention to the needs of cyclists attending events at Stadiums Queensland venues. I hope the information provided is helpful in clarifying what facilities are currently available for cyclists. In view of your letter, Stadiums Queensland will take action to publicise the facilities on the websites, and continue to monitor the use being made of bike racks to ensure there are sufficient numbers to meet the need.

If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact Ms Jennifer Whittaker, Executive Officer, Stadiums Queensland on 3008 6110.

Yours faithfully



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