



**Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle Users Group –
CBD BUG**

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Mr David Stewart
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Dear Mr Stewart

This letter seeks your action to address the lack of connectivity between the Eleanor Schonell Bridge and the recently announced Boggo Road Bikeway.

While the CBD BUG welcomes the Boggo Road Bikeway as a much needed and long overdue addition to Brisbane's cycling infrastructure, the CBD BUG's view on this project based on the information released to date is that it will not provide the essential missing connection between the South East Bikeway and the Eleanor Schonell Bridge.

This is because the currently proposed Boggo Road Bikeway project will finish at Kent St. This will leave cyclists with the choice of either riding on Annerley Road, one of Brisbane's busiest thoroughfares, or riding on footpaths that are completely inadequate compared to the standard of bikeway required to appropriately link two key pieces of cycling infrastructure.

Current issues affecting connectivity at this area along Annerley Road are:

- high vehicle speeds and volumes, which includes a significant proportion of heavy vehicles such as buses and articulated trucks,
- narrow lane widths and lack of road shoulders, and
- inadequate footpath widths on both sides of Annerley Road and inadequate sight lines on the railway overpass - creating potential for conflict between cyclists and pedestrians.

This lack of cycling infrastructure connectivity is a continuing problem that is holding back Brisbane's cycling levels. It is inconceivable that a similar approach of building disconnected infrastructure for motorists would be adopted, once again demonstrating the different standards applied in providing infrastructure for motorists and cyclists.

Accordingly, the CBD BUG seeks a meeting to discuss how the current lack of connectivity can be addressed.

While it is understood a suitable solution for directly connecting the Boggo Road Bikeway to the Eleanor Schonell Bridge is space constrained, it is suggested these issues can be resolved through consultation.

I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully

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Paul French
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