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## Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle Users Group

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The Right Honourable Campbell Newman  
Lord Mayor of Brisbane  
GPO Box 2287  
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Dear Lord Mayor

### **Request for approval for briefings by Brisbane City Council officers**

This letter seeks your approval for Brisbane City Council (BCC) officers to provide a range of briefings to members of the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle Users Group (CBD BUG) during the 2010 calendar year.

The background to this request is that the CBD BUG arranges for guest speakers from both the government and non-government sectors to attend most of the organisation's monthly general meetings, to provide briefings on a wide range of issues of relevance to city cyclists. These briefings have generally been highly beneficial for all parties, with CBD BUG members gaining an improved understanding of the scope, timeframe and impacts of projects, while guest speakers obtain direct feedback from grassroots cyclists.

While BCC officers have previously provided these briefings, the CBD BUG understands that BCC officers now require the Lord Mayor's approval prior to such briefings being delivered.

Accordingly, following are the five policy areas for which your approval for BCC officer briefings is sought:


- Brisbane City Centre Master Plan.
- Howard Smith Wharves Revitalisation Project.
- Cycling expenditure from the 2010-11 BCC budget.
- Appropriate incorporation of cyclist needs/infrastructure during road works.
- Improving on-road interactions between bus drivers and cyclists.

The duration of guest speaker briefings is a ½ hour (including questions). There is no audio or video recording of the meeting, and references to a briefing in meeting minutes simply indicate that a particular briefing was provided.

Please note the CBD BUG does not view your approval for these briefings as a direction to BCC officers to provide them, rather. Rather, this is seen simply an authorisation for BCC officers to provide the briefings based on there being sufficient available BCC resources and agreement with the CBD BUG on content and scheduling.

We look forward to your response on this request.

Yours faithfully



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