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Dear Dr Edwards

I refer to the announcement on 13 May 2009 of Lend Lease as the preferred development partner for the planned redevelopment of the RNA Showgrounds.

On behalf of the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG), a grass roots volunteer organisation with about 400 members that represents the interests of the very large number of Brisbane residents who commute or ride bicycles to, from and within the Brisbane city centre, I commend the RNA for its commitment made as part of this announcement that "bicycle and pedestrian pathways will provide easy access through the RNA Showgrounds and onto the CBD" as a result of this redevelopment.

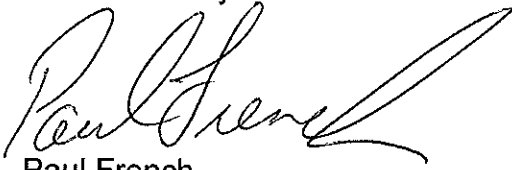
Brisbane's inner northern suburbs are a particularly unfriendly environment for cyclists due to the lack of planning and foresight by successive state governments and councils. Therefore, it is with considerable anticipation the CBD BUG looks forward to an opportunity to contribute an end-user's perspective to the designing of the bikeways and other cycling infrastructure included as part of the redevelopment. The CBD BUG has previously had this type of constructive involvement in other major development projects e.g. Clem7 Tunnel, Queensland Supreme Courts Precinct etc, which has assisted project teams in delivering user friendly infrastructure.

Another element of the CBD BUG's involvement in major infrastructure projects has been providing input on strategies to mediate the impacts of construction on cyclists, principally to ensure safety. Cyclists making their way through Brisbane's inner northern suburbs are already significantly affected by construction of the Northern Busway and the Clem7 Tunnel and the CBD BUG is intent on minimising any additional impacts from the RNA Showgrounds redevelopment.

Accordingly, the establishment of appropriate consultative processes by the RNA or its agents would be both appropriate and highly regarded.

I look forward to your response on these issues. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0423 974 825 if you or your staff wish to discuss this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul French', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Paul French
Co-convenor
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