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CBD BUG**

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The Honourable Rachel Nolan MP
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Dear Minister

On behalf of the members of the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) I write to congratulate you on your appointment as the Minister for Transport.

The CBD BUG is a grass roots volunteer organisation of some 400 cyclists representing the interests of the very large number of Brisbane residents who ride bicycles to, from and within the Brisbane city centre. It is highly active in pursuing policy decisions at all levels of government relating to cycling, and in particular relating to improved cycling infrastructure, end-of-trip facilities and the integration of cycling with other transport modes.

CBD BUG representatives would like meet with you to discuss how a number of issues of specific concern falling within your area of policy responsibility can be progressed. These include: reviewing the Queensland road rules that are cyclist unfriendly, the lack of integration between cycling and other transport modes (in particular buses and trains), and the Port of Brisbane Corporation's continuing failure to restore and re-open the Brisbane City Reach Boardwalk. Please find attached for your consideration the priority policy document developed by the CBD BUG for consideration and debate during the 2009 Queensland State Election.

The popularity of cycling has been rapidly increasing across Australia over recent years and it is now the fourth most popular sports/physical recreation activity. In tandem with this has been the growth in cycling as a sustainable and active transport mode. However, Queensland is lagging behind the other jurisdictions in adopting this positive behavioural / social change, and the CBD BUG attributes this in part to the State Government's insufficient support for cycling. This is a key reason for South East Queensland's continuing traffic congestion and increasing rates of obesity and diabetes. There is also a strong social justice aspect to fostering cycling, as it enables greater mobility for people of lower socio-economic status.

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss these issues in the near future.

Yours faithfully

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