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Re: CBD BUG letter to 2015 State Election candidate re need to foster bike riding

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Sent: Wednesday, 28 January 2015 6:35:59 AM
To: Brisbane CBD BUG (convenors@cdbdbug.org.au)
Cc: Donald Campbell (donald@cdbdbug.org.au); Richard Bean (richardb@cdbdbug.org.au); Aaron Ball (aaronb@cdbdbug.org.au)

Dear Paul

Thank you for the information.

With cycling being my families primary mode of transport, I very much understand the need to better address cyclists' (and future cyclists') needs. As such, I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise my own personal commitment - as well as that of the Queensland Greens - to seeing the Queensland Government re-balance its approach to urban transport so that it prioritises cycling and walking ahead of driving.

Thank you for your effort to address this important issue.

Warmest regards

Kirsten

Kirsten Lovejoy, Greens Candidate for Brisbane Central

On 2015-01-22 22:34, Brisbane CBD BUG wrote:

> Hello Ms Lovejoy

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> You may have been forwarded the Brisbane Central Business District
> Bicycle User Group's (CBD BUG) previous email, which was one of four
> sent to the major parties contesting the 2015 Qld State Election,
> seeking commitments to encourage more people to ride bikes more often
> for transport.

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> As a follow-up we're now also sending the email you will see below to
> every candidate contesting a state seat within the Brisbane LGA.

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> I am simply including you as a recipient of this email for your
> information. Given the Greens have already published their policies on
> active and public transport (which are highly supportive of cycle
> commuting) there's no real need for you to reply.

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> All the best

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> Paul French

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> Ms Kirsten Lovejoy
> The Greens candidate for Brisbane Central
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> Dear Ms Lovejoy
>
> This letter seeks your commitment as the Greens candidate for the
> seat of Brisbane Central in the 2015 Queensland State Election to
> increasing the proportion of trips made by bicycle.
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> As background for you to this letter, the Brisbane Central Business
> District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) is a grass roots volunteer
> organisation of more than 700 members, representing the interests of
> the very large number of people riding bicycles to, from and within
> the Brisbane city centre. It is active in seeking policy decisions at
> all levels of government supporting people who want to cycle, and in
> particular relating to improved infrastructure, end-of-trip
> facilities, integration of cycling needs with other transport modes
> and a regulatory environment friendly towards people riding bikes. Our
> members meet monthly to exchange information and ideas, discuss issues
> of relevance and determine the direction of policies to benefit CBD
> cyclists.
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> Australian Bureau of Statistics data indicates that almost 40% of
> trips to regular destinations by Brisbane residents are made via
> private motor vehicle over short distances that could instead easily
> be traveled by bicycle (or even walking). Importantly, enabling people
> to leave their cars at home and cycle (or walk) would have a range of
> benefits including: easing the cost of living; turning back the rising
> tide of obesity; reducing traffic congestion; alleviating pollution;
> increasing productivity and providing a safer and more
> socially-connected community.
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> A range of reputable studies also indicates that approximately 40% of
> the community would like to ride bikes more frequently, but is put off
> taking up cycling because of the lack of suitable infrastructure and
> concerns about the safety of cycling on-road. Women are particularly
> concerned about the dangers posed by motor vehicles.
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> In light of this compelling information, now is the time for the
> Queensland Government to increase its efforts to re-balance its
> approach to urban transport and prioritise cycling and walking ahead
> of driving.
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> Accordingly, the CBD BUG would like you to articulate how you
> envisage your constituents (aged 8 to 80 years) traveling safely by
> bike around your electorate and to/from the Brisbane CBD.
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> If you have any questions in relation to this letter please do not
> hesitate to contact me directly.
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> Yours sincerely
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> Donald Campbell
> Co-convenor
> Brisbane CBD BUG
> 22 January 2015
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> Links:
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> [1] <http://www.cbdbug.org.au/>