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Dear Mr French,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding matters concerning Brisbane CBD Bicycle User Group in the context of the 2015 State Election.

Queensland is a great place to live and work and does have a bright future, but with more uncertainty facing the rest of Australia and the world, we need to make sure Queensland stays on track to secure that bright future.

Through strong economic management, we are seeing real progress in health and education, more jobs in a stronger economy, better roads and less crime. And now that we've set the right financial foundations, we're able to truly afford the better schools and hospitals, improved roads and more police our growing state needs.

A re-elected Newman LNP Government will keep working hard to deliver our long term economic plan. We'll keep growing a four pillar economy focusing on agriculture, construction, resources and tourism to deliver more jobs and better services.

The LNP is committed to ensuring that Queensland is the safest place to live, work, visit and raise a family.

The Newman LNP Government acknowledges the observations made about private motor vehicles and remains committed to making travel via cycling, walking and public transport more attractive. The release of the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee's Report No. 39, Inquiry into Cycling Issues, in November 2013 acknowledges that there is likely to be significant growth in cycling in the coming years. It highlights the need to:

- Reduce cycling injury and fatality rates on Queensland Roads;
- Increase cycling participation rates and normalise cycling as a mode of transport;
- Increase acceptance of cyclists as legitimate road users and the need for all road users to share the road; and
- Provide increased protection for all vulnerable road users.

A re-elected Newman LNP Government will commit to a strategy to guide the provision of safe and direct connections to our communities and ensure cycling infrastructure and facilities are delivered to the best standards possible.

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Complementing the improvements in infrastructure the Newman LNP Government has also introduced the minimum passing distance making Queensland the first jurisdiction in Australia to implement laws designed to protect some of our most vulnerable road users.

Please be assured the Newman LNP Government recognises the importance of cycling in our great State and its role in making our communities more vibrant.

Specific responses to the policy positions you submitted are provided below.

Reprioritisation of transport investment priorities

The Newman LNP Government acknowledges the major role cycling can play in enabling personal mobility along with the need to continue to fund infrastructure to support a cycle network program. Under a Newman LNP Government, the *Strong Choices Investment Program* potentially provides an additional source of revenue to help fund the expenditure to accelerate the building of cycling infrastructure and facilities.

Importantly the Newman LNP Government will ensure that early consideration is given to the needs of vulnerable road users when planning and designing transport facilities.

Adopt a “default liability” compensation system

The Newman LNP Government has considered a default liability compensation system but does not plan to implement such a scheme at this stage. However the Newman LNP Government has already undertaken to review the legislation in this area to ensure the interests and needs of cyclists are catered for.

Reduce Queensland’s default urban speed limit to 30km/h

The Newman LNP Government undertook a speed limit review across Queensland which involved over 100 stretches of road being examined. If re-elected the Newman LNP Government would commit to a further review of speed limits to ensure they are set appropriately across the network.

Specific high priority major cycling infrastructure projects

Cycling projects current underway includes:

- Completion of V1 bikeway linking Brisbane to the Gold Coast along the Pacific Motorway including completing Stage D and E;
- Cycle corridor linking the Brisbane CBD to Ferny Grove;
- Off-road continuous bikeway linking Gateway Motorway from Nudgee to the Bruce Highway; and
- Completion of V1 bikeway linking Brisbane to the Gold Coast along the Pacific Motorway.

While a lot has been achieved, the job is not yet done.

We will be making new policy announcements to enhance the LNP’s strong plan for Queensland over the remaining days of the election campaign, and I encourage you to continue to monitor the work that we are doing to deliver dividends for Queenslanders that can only come from better economic management and responsible government.

If Queensland goes off track now, the real progress we are starting to see will be at risk. We cannot afford the political chaos that would occur if Labor flopped over the line with the help of wasted votes on minor parties and independents. That will only make Queensland weaker.

Vote LNP to keep on course for a brighter future and a stronger Queensland.

Thank you for taking the time to write and I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Brad Henderson".

Brad Henderson
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