



Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group

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Mr Mark Bailey

Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply

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Dear Minister

This letter concerns the design of the intersection of Herschel Street and North Quay, a key entry and exit point between the Bicentennial Bikeway and Central Business District (CBD). We received a reply from you concerning this matter (reference MC85797) in May 2016.

We noted that a small financial investment by TMR and Council could deliver great returns in convenience, safety and time saved here.

We also noted that the sharp right angled turn manoeuvre while leaving the city is impossible for velomobiles, bikes with trailers, or recumbent bicycles with long wheelbases.

The ramp is the best route from the city of many bad options in the area. It is the only route in the vicinity without a sharp "U-turn" and the most direct way, and hence is attracting a growing number of bicycle riders.

Since the letter you have also indicated your support for the BUG's proposal for a minimum grid of protected bike lanes in the CBD.¹ We appreciate your support in this matter. This proposal called for bi-directional separated bike lanes on Herschel St in this location. As both the traffic lanes feeding into Herschel Street from North Quay and the South East Freeway are single lanes the installation of bike lanes in this location will not affect capacity.

We are seeking an update on how the investigations for improving this route are progressing.

We also seek an update on the removal of deflection rails at O'Keefe St and Fern St at Woolloongabba, as Brisbane City Council contacted you about this in April and your department's policy (Technical Note 132) is that these rails ("banana bars") are "a safety hazard for path users and limit path capacity".²

Regards

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¹ <https://www.facebook.com/MarkBaileyMP/posts/1751447471791609>

² <http://www.cbdbug.org.au/wp-content/uploads/1970/01/0/CBD-BUG-Letter-fr-LM-Banana-Bars-20160426.pdf>