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## Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group

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The Right Honourable Graham Quirk  
Lord Mayor of Brisbane  
GPO Box 2287  
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Via email: [lordmayor@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:lordmayor@brisbane.qld.gov.au)

Dear Lord Mayor

I write to you on behalf of the CBD BUG to express our concerns regarding the Howard Smith Wharves (HSW) redevelopment.

To date the CBD BUG has lodged two written submissions with Council regarding this development, expressing our concerns that the redevelopment does not provide world class walking and cycling facilities. Our submissions covered the following six broad points.

- 1 Impacts of construction
- 2 Segregation
- 3 Designed for commuters
- 4 Direct/straight path alignment
- 5 Clear lines of sight, and
- 6 Desire lines.

To avoid this letter repeating our submission the following link is to our second submission on the HSW dated 16 October 2015

(<https://pdonline.brisbane.qld.gov.au/MasterViewUI/Modules/documentmaster/viewdocumentftp.aspx?key=p4j9mRT%2FiFbZXJiaNvjOzE%2FoUKbwC4LHDELQz7aJAhg%2BiEYzqTmMw%3D%3D>).

The CBD BUG would like to point out on the issue of segregation, the HSW plans are not clear, with even the most recent documents describing a “shared pathway” but showing sections with 2.5 metres for pedestrians and 3.5 metres bicycle rider movements. Please see attached Figure 1 and Figure 2

We would draw your attention to the conflict that previously occurred along on the Bicentennial Bikeway between people riding bikes and people walking as a result of the inadequate space and lack of segregation between the two user groups. This situations was only recently resolved with the final stage of the Bicentennial Bikeway upgrade process.

The pre-existing active transport corridor through the HSW precinct is used by many people commuting by bicycle and walking and we envisage problems similar to those formerly afflicting the Bicentennial Bikeway arising should segregation of users not be installed.

We are also very concerned about the potential impacts of the construction process on active travel commuters using this corridor. For active travel commuters this corridor is similar to the Riverside Expressway, for which a closure to allow a private construction project would be unimaginable.

At this time the CBD BUG does not view the current proposal as delivering a world class cycling facility through the HSW redevelopment site. We seek your assurance that Council is committed to ensuring the six points listed above will be properly addressed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Campbell', written in a cursive style.

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2 December 2015

Cc – Rod Harding – Labor candidate for Brisbane Lord Mayor  
Cr Vicki Howard – Central Ward  
Amber Hawkins – Labor candidate for Central Ward  
Grace Grace MP – MLA for Brisbane Central

Figure 1

**02 THE BACKBONE – SHARED CYCLE PEDESTRIAN PATH**

**Design Intent**

A 3.5m wide cycle route and a 2.5m pedestrian route run through the site from near Boundary Street to the Riverwalk. For the majority of the length of the site the two paths are combined as a single 6m wide shared zone behind the waterfront buildings. The path surface located to north of Building A and B is proposed to be a 6m wide coloured concrete shared zone with a light broom finish and a compressive strength for vehicle loading. From Building C heading east to the new River Walk the pathway surface finish changes to a decomposed granite with specification to equivalent standard of Birrarung Marr River Promenade, Melbourne.

Figure 2

