



Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group

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The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport & Main Roads
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Dear Minister

This letter seeks your reinstatement of Mr Donald Campbell as the representative of the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) on the Public Transport Advisory Group (PTAG).

As background for you to this request, the CBD BUG is a grass roots volunteer organisation of more than 700 members, representing the interests of the very large number of Brisbane residents who ride bicycles to, from and within the Brisbane CBD. It is active in vigorously seeking policy decisions at all levels of government supporting cycling, and in particular relating to improved infrastructure, end-of-trip facilities, integration of cycling with other transport modes and a cyclist-friendly regulatory environment. CBD BUG members meet monthly to exchange information and ideas, discuss issues of relevance and determine the direction of policies to benefit CBD cyclists.

The CBD BUG sees the PTAG as an invaluable avenue for the incorporation of the local community's views into the development of Queensland's public transport policy and plans. It has long been recognised that the appropriate integration of cycling and public transport is mutually beneficial, enhancing the benefits of both modes and encouraging more bike riding as well as more public transport. On this basis, the CBD BUG sees it as essential for cyclists' interests to be represented on the PTAG.

Late last year the CBD BUG was both surprised and disappointed to learn of the termination of Donald's PTAG membership, apparently due to a decision to limit the group to special interest groups.

It may be that there was some confusion about the status of Donald's PTAG membership, which I would now like to clarify.

Donald was in fact was nominated for the PTAG by the CBD BUG (a special interest group). I would draw your attention to the fact his status as the CBD BUG's representative on the PTAG was also confirmed at the time of your predecessor announcing the PTAG's membership composition (available at: <http://statements.qld.gov.au/Statement/Id/75035>).

Finally, it was always acknowledged during the PTAG meetings that Donald was representing the CBD BUG.

On this basis it is requested that Donald Campbell is reinstated to the PTAG as the CBD BUG representative.

I look forward to your response on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul French', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Paul French
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