



Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group

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Dear Councillor Simmonds

This letter is to convey the CBD BUG's disappointment at Council's decision to cancel the Oxley Creek Bikeway stage two project, and to urge the resumption of consultation with the local community in order to deliver this much needed link as soon as possible.

It is clear there are major concerns held by members of the local community about the planned route and possible impacts of the project. Council's assessment of the range of options has not been adequately discussed with the community, nor is it apparent that the construction impacts of any alternatives have been properly evaluated.

Therefore, the CBD BUG suggests Council needs to do more to address those concerns by entering into meaningful consultation with the community with all alternatives on the table. It is suggested the need for openness in the decision making process in moving toward a preferred option is even greater in this case than might normally be the case, in light of the strength of local community and environmental groups views on this issue.

From the CDB BUG's perspective this project has already endured undue delay. With the benefits of additional cycling infrastructure being too great for it to be put on hold any longer the CBD BUG calls upon Council to maintain its delivery as a high priority, and to therefore continue the community engagement process with a view to constructing a new cyclist/pedestrian bridge in the short term.

A new shared pathway along Sherwood Rd has been proposed as an alternative to an off-road route via Oxley Creek Common. However, the CBD BUG rejects this alternative. This position is principally based on this road's 60 km/h speed limit, the large number of motor vehicles using Sherwood Road (of which a significant proportion are heavy vehicles) and the number of driveways vulnerable path users would also have to cross. In combination these factors indicate this route would be especially unsuited to recreational, inexperienced and/or child bike riders.

Finally, Council needs to develop a safe, off-road route through to Tennyson. This would complete an important alternative to Oxley Rd for Corinda and the inner southern suburbs and the CBD. CBD BUG members would be very interested to hear about any planning in this regard.

Yours faithfully

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