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Mr Ray Smith  
Lord Mayoral Candidate  
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Dear Mr Smith

I write on behalf of the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) to seek details of your policy on the Brisbane City Council CityCycle public bike hire scheme.

The CBD BUG is an organisation of over 500 cyclists representing the interests of the thousands of Brisbane residents who ride bicycles to, from and within the Brisbane city centre. It pursues policy decisions at all levels of government relating to cycling, and in particular relating to improved cycling infrastructure, end-of-trip facilities and awareness of cycling as an important mode of transport.

CityCycle holds considerable potential for increasing cycling levels in Brisbane, reducing traffic congestion, making the CBD more human-friendly, improving health status and providing all the other benefits that cycling brings. Therefore, it should not be surprising the CBD BUG continues to be a strong supporter of the scheme.

With the progressive roll out of the scheme that commenced on 1 October 2010, to date less than half the planned stations have been opened. Regrettably, many of the stations that were open are still closed due to the flood. Completion of the network and continued support from Council will be essential in achieving the scheme's potential.

Recent media coverage has quoted you as opposing CityCycle, and even described you as having "declared war" on the scheme (Courier Mail, 5 February 2011). However, comments from your media advisor Lisa Clifford have indicated possible support for a different bike hire scheme.

Accordingly, we would appreciate clarification on your support or opposition of CityCycle; if changes to the scheme are proposed - specifically how the scheme should be different; how you would manage the transition from the current scheme to your preferred model; and the costs and funding sources for these changes.

CBD BUG members look forward to hearing the details of your policy on CityCycle, and any other policies of relevance. We have previously sought to meet with you to discuss this issue, and reiterate our interest to discuss cycling issues with you and provide advice on how cycling can be promoted in Brisbane. We can be contacted via the postal address above, via email at [convenors@cdbbug.org.au](mailto:convenors@cdbbug.org.au), or I can be reached by phone on 0423 974 825.

Yours sincerely

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

Paul French  
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Central Business District Bicycle User Group  
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