



Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group

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Dear Sir or Madam

The following comments are provided in relation to the Woolloongabba Urban Development Area (UDA) on behalf of the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG).

As background, the CBD BUG is a grass roots volunteer organisation of almost 600 members representing the interests of the very large number of Brisbane residents who ride bicycles to, from and within Brisbane's city centre. It is highly active in pursuing policy decisions at all levels of government relating to cycling, and in particular relating to improving cycling infrastructure, end-of-trip facilities, making the regulatory environment more cyclist-friendly and integrating cycling with other transport modes.

Having reviewed the documentation provided about the Woolloongabba UDA on the ULDA's website the CBD BUG is very supportive of the project, particularly with respect to its public and active transport elements. Such measures, along with the project's broader transit oriented development approach, are long overdue as a means to reducing Brisbane residents' grossly excessive use of motor cars for private travel. A major benefit noted as flowing to Brisbane cyclists from the project will be the two-way, off road cycle path along the Stanley Street, infrastructure that the CBD BUG has been seeking for some time.

There are also two other issues the CBD BUG would put forward for incorporation into the project.

Firstly, from the published documentation it appears there may be some impacts on cyclists during construction of the Woolloongabba UDA, due to the need to re-configure the existing off-road bikeway that provides cyclists with a grade-separated crossing of Stanley Street and the Stanley Street on-ramp to the South-East Freeway. The CBD BUG would strongly object to any proposal during the construction process to simply closing off the current off-road bikeway and send cyclists back on to roads, which in this area are heavily congested and carry many heavy vehicles. Therefore, it will be essential during the construction process that appropriate phasing of works occurs in tandem with temporary off-road cyclist routes.

Secondly, for the purpose of encouraging walking and cycling within the Woolloongabba UDA area and discouraging motorist “rat-running” it is proposed the streets in the precinct are signed as a Share Traffic Zone i.e. a reduced speed limit is imposed with motorists having to give way to pedestrians.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the project proposal.

The CBD BUG would like to be included in all further consultative processes in relation to the Woolloongabba UDA.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul French". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

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