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Dear Mr Banfield

On behalf of the members of the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) I wish to congratulate you on your appointment as the Principal, Active Transport Unit.

The CBD BUG is an organisation of city cyclists, representing and articulating the interests of the very large number of Brisbane residents who commute or ride bicycles to, from and within the Brisbane City Centre. The group has over 400 members, and advocates on behalf of several thousand regular cyclists.

CBD BUG was established in early 2005 to:

- monitor and identify CBD cycling facilities (and deficiencies);
- act as a resource for CBD commuter cyclists;
- lobby for improvements; and
- act as a network of cycle commuters and other bike users in the CBD.

The CBD BUG has been involved in advocating in support of a number of recent major changes including the reduction of the speed limit in the Brisbane CBD to 40 km/h and the abolition of the Queensland Fuel Subsidy Scheme. The CBD BUG supports the BCC bike hire scheme, particularly in view of the flow-on positive effects for existing cyclists. The CBD BUG has also been involved in lobbying for many other proposals to increase rates of cycling and the safety and appeal of cycling as a mode of transport which have yet to be taken up. These include measures to reduce car use in the CBD, 'Copenhagen' bike lanes, subsidies for building owners and managers to retro-fit bike facilities and increased legal protection for vulnerable road users such as cyclists (and pedestrians).

The BUG is very keen to continue its constructive working relationship with the ATU in order to cooperatively work together towards achieving the BCC's targets with respect to cycling's role in addressing the current traffic congestion problems. Accordingly, this letter seeks a meeting with you and your senior staff to discuss the following issues:

- exchange of information on BCC ATU and CBD BUG priorities;
- BCC bike hire scheme – siting of hire stations and design / construction of new cycle lanes in the CBD;
- the ATU's provision of a briefing for CBD BUG members on the cycling projects arising from the 2009-10 BCC Budget; and
- ATU attendance at monthly CBD BUG meetings.

This last agenda item is of some urgency, in view of the regrettable recent decision to no longer attend meetings to provide verbal briefings and obtain regular stakeholder feedback

I look forward to your response on these issues. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0423 974 825 if you or your staff wish to discuss this matter.

Yours faithfully

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

Paul French
Co-convenor
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