



Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group – CBD BUG

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Councilor Jane Prentice
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Dear Councilor Prentice

On behalf of the members of the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) I congratulate you on your appointment as the Chair of the Brisbane City Council (BCC) Public and Active Transport and Economic Development Committee.

The CBD BUG is a grass roots volunteer organisation with over 300 members representing the interests of the very large number of Brisbane residents who ride bicycles to, from and within the Brisbane city centre. It is highly active in pursuing policy decisions at all levels of government relating to cycling, and in particular relating to improved cycling infrastructure, end-of-trip facilities and road rule amendments.

With the Mayoralty and the majority of BCC wards now being held by the Liberal Party, and the \$100 million four year election commitment to accelerate the rollout of Brisbane's planned cycling network, CBD BUG members have high expectations of the improvements that can be made in this city's fostering growth of cycling growth and how the Lord Mayor's "vision of Brisbane as a city of cycles" can be realised.

Such a commitment is a long overdue recognition of cycling's ability to address Brisbane's chronic traffic congestion and the CBD BUG commends this commitment. CBD BUG representatives would like meet with you to discuss how this agenda may be best progressed. Current issues of particular concern include the Council's lack of a Bicycle Advisory Committee, the current manner in which road infrastructure projects are impacting upon cyclists, and the priorities for increasing levels of cycling in Brisbane and their respective timeframes to be addressed via the Mayor's 2008 election commitment.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss these issues and the CBD BUG's potential contribution towards the BCC's improvement of this city's cycling friendliness.

Yours faithfully

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Paul French
Co-convenor
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