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## Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group – CBD BUG

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The Honourable Anna Bligh MP  
Premier of Queensland  
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The Right Honourable Campbell Newman  
Lord Mayor of Brisbane  
GPO Box 2287  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Premier

Dear Lord Mayor

This letter seeks your immediate action to address the unacceptable conditions currently being experienced by cyclists on Brisbane's north side, arising from the plethora of major traffic infrastructure construction projects.

These projects, such as the North South Bypass, Northern Busway and Airport Link are resulting in multiple, simultaneous closures of bikeways and footpaths. The manner of these closures highlights a lack of coordination between the various government agencies administering projects and a disregard for the safety of cyclists, who as a result of bikeway closures and substandard / inappropriate detours, have been forced onto high volume-high speed roads and exposed to substantial risks from vehicular traffic.

Furthermore, it is commonly mooted that conditions for cyclists will be improved through the improved bikeways being constructed as part of these projects. However, it has become evident the promised improvements will not be delivered, because of the continuing archaic approach of designing indirect "recreational" bikeways that include numerous obstacles for the purpose of slowing down cyclists. This is an absolute contrast to the infrastructure being constructed-for motor vehicles.

I would also point out that while north side cyclists are currently bearing the brunt of what cyclists regard as shoddy treatment, Brisbane south side cyclists have also been subjected to similar circumstances, indicating a widespread problem that has persisted despite cycling advocates' efforts.

There is an obvious disconnect between these actions, which cyclists regard as intolerable, and the recent political commitments at both the Local and State Government levels to foster growth in cycling. Accordingly, the CBD BUG demands improved options in terms of both the temporary bikeway closures and diversions, and the permanent replacement bikeways.

Yours faithfully

Paul French  
CBD BUG Co-convenor

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