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

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Dear Sir or Madam

### **Bikeway from O'Keefe St to Annerley Rd/Green Bridge**

The CBD BUG is disturbed to learn that the original plan for a bikeway to parallel Stage One of the Boggo Road Busway has been abandoned. We understand that the excuse is that the distance between the pylons of the freight rail line under which the busway is to proceed is not great enough to accommodate a bikeway as well.

Our own inspection of the site indicates that while this might be the case, there are a number of alternatives obvious to the cyclist's eye, and that these do not include any use of Cornwall St.

We further point out that any investment in a sub-standard facility, such as even the most elaborately equipped bikeway using Cornwall St, will merely result in cyclists using rat-runs from Ipswich Rd to Annerley Rd, especially those serving bus patrons alighting and joining their service at Park Rd busway station.

This will result in pedestrian/cyclist conflict and a tenuous and uncomfortable truce between the two groups of users. As the number of cyclists will continue to increase, this truce will become increasingly unacceptable to all, and further, and more expensive, investment in bikeway infrastructure will be required.

We note particularly that the pedestrian overpass at the north-western end of Park Rd Railway Station will have to be retained in some form, as it is very important to Dutton Park State School, not to mention the Police Station. This, and the narrow footpath to Annerley Rd, will be heavily used by cyclists unless an alternative that is sufficiently attractive in terms of travel time and grade is supplied. That the footpath is unacceptable to the Brisbane City Council as a bikepath cannot be disputed. It is unacceptable to the CBDBUG, too. Similarly, Burke St from Ipswich Rd is narrow, with many commercial premises that have their parking just off road, and then the footpath through to the railway station, similarly sub-standard for bicycle access.

The only acceptable alternatives may be costly, upfront, but they have the great virtue that they will be heavily used, and will still be extremely cheap to build relative to any road to serve the same volume of traffic.

We look forward to discussing these with you and your consultants in the very near future.

Yours faithfully

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