



Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group – CBD BUG

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REDUCED BRISBANE CBD SPEED LIMIT LONG OVERDUE

The Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) has reacted to the Lord Mayor's announcement to start a three month consultation process on reducing the speed limit to 40km/h in Brisbane's heart by saying this move is already long overdue and should be implemented immediately.

CBD BUG spokesperson Paul French said that "the CBD BUG proposed this step to both Labor and the Liberals during the 2008 BCC election campaign but neither would give a commitment. With traffic accidents involving pedestrians occurring in the CBD at the rate of about one a week, that's 20 people knocked down since the March 2008 council election, and another 12 that will likely be hit during the consultation process".

Mr French also questioned the further three month delay when there are already any number of CBDs across the developed world that already have 40 km/h speed limits, with some even as low as 30 km/h.

"It's time people retook this city's heart back from the fast flowing rivers of lethal metal that successive councils and state government have fostered through their focus on motorist interests, to the near total exclusion of the safety of cyclists and pedestrians" said Mr French.

He went on to say that "it is also essential Turbot Street and Ann Street are not excluded from the reduced speed limit. If the main concern is safety, then there should be no room to compromise pedestrians and cyclists for the sake of the additional 40 seconds it will take a motorist to travel the full length of Turbot or Ann Street at the reduced speed."

In closing Mr French said the CBD BUG also supports the RACQ's call to ensure the new 40kmh speed zone is effectively signed, so motorists who exceed the reduced speed limit after it is introduced will have no excuse when booked by Police.

More information is available from the CBD BUG at www.cdbug.org.au.

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