

DETOUR OF NORTHERN ACCESS TO CBD DURING NORTH-SOUTH BYPASS TUNNEL (NSBT) CONSTRUCTION

Due to the construction of the North-South Bypass Tunnel (NSBT) cyclists will be detoured off for **up to 3 years**. This detour has already commenced without consultation.

Advice to the Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CDB BUG) from the NSBT construction consortium is that there are no plans to provide a temporary bikeway, so **cyclists will be forced on to a major arterial road**.

The detour currently proposed by the construction consortium means cyclists will be off the bikeway along Horace Street and cyclists are unable to access the safer back streets to get to the Victoria Park Bike path or other routes. The only alternative is to use **Lutwyche/Bowen Bridge Road** (For those thinking of using the footpath it is practically unrideable in sections due to high frequency bus stops and a large numbers of pedestrians).

This is a detour the CDB BUG regards as **dangerous**. The CDB BUG is seeking to negotiate with the NSBT construction consortium about the nature of the detour in order to make it less risky for cyclists.

This is particularly disruptive as the OurBrisbane website lists this route as a popular route to the city from the northside.

I am interested in **your opinion** on this matter. I am contemplating running a leaflet campaign to inform northside cyclists of the issues similar to the successful campaign on the SouthEast (SE) Bikeway. This route although not as popular as the SE bikeway nor as significant a change, is one of the only entrances to the CBD for the majority of northside riders. To have your say **contact Aaron Wray via email at aaron_wray@hotmail.com**.

