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Mr John Lister
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Dear Mr Lister

Thank you for your letter dated 9 September 2008 to the Honourable Anna Bligh MP, Premier regarding the role that cycling can play in reducing carbon emissions. The Premier forwarded your letter to the Honourable John Mickel MP, Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment and Industrial Relations for consideration and direct reply. The Minister has asked that I respond on his behalf and I apologise for the delay in doing so.

The Queensland Government is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector and as you point out in your letter, encouraging more people to cycle has an important role to play in achieving this aim. In terms of congestion management, Queensland Transport is currently developing a Congestion Management Strategy. One of the key elements of this work will be to look at improving travel options for the community by improving public transport, cycling and walking facilities and services.

The government is currently pursuing a range of cycling initiatives aimed at minimising transport emissions and reducing traffic congestion. To facilitate this, the government, as part of the 2008 review of the *South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program*, more than doubled its committed investment in cycling infrastructure in South East Queensland. This represents a \$556 million injection over the next 18 years to accelerate the development of the sub regional cycle network in South East Queensland. This funding is being implemented through Queensland Transport's Cycle Network Program. As part of this year's program the Queensland Government announced grant funding to councils for 89 new projects around South East Queensland with a total cost of \$18.03 million.

In November 2007, Queensland Transport released the *South East Queensland Principal Cycle Network Plan*. The purpose of the plan is to guide the development of a seamless cycle network across the region with the ultimate aim being to make cycling a competitive alternative to many of the short trips currently made by private motorised transport.

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It is widely recognised that opportunities to cycle from the northern suburbs of Brisbane are currently constrained by the lack of safe and efficient cycle ways. In this regard the *Principle Cycle Network Plan* identifies three principal cycle routes from the northern suburbs linking Kedron Brook to Brisbane Central Business District. These include a western route running along Noble Street, a central route along Lutwyche Road, and an eastern route along the Northern Transport Corridor which extends from O'Connell Terrace to Kedron Brook via Albion and Woolloowin Railway Stations.

Recognising that Lutwyche Road is currently highly constrained and is unlikely to offer any opportunities for quality cycling access in the medium to longer term, Queensland Transport has been focusing on the eastern and western routes identified above to provide improved cycling access from the northern suburbs of Brisbane.

In conjunction with the Department of Main Roads, Brisbane City Council and City North Infrastructure, Queensland Transport is currently investigating opportunities to establish a high order cycling facility along the Northern Transport Corridor. This work is still in its early stages and will be progressed over the coming months.

In terms of the western Noble Street corridor, Queensland Transport is currently working with Brisbane City Council on a detailed design for an upgraded bridge crossing over Enoggera Creek between Noble Street and Fagan Road. When completed, this link will provide a more direct and convenient link for cyclists travelling from the Newmarket and Wilston areas and Kedron Brook to Brisbane Central Business District, Kelvin Grove Urban Village and the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital campus.

If you require any further information, please call Mr Peter Berkeley, Principal Advisor (Active Transport Planning) on (07) 3146 1507 or visit Queensland Transport's cycling website http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/General_information/Cycling/.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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