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Brisbane cycling groups unite for #space4cyclingBNE campaign

A broad coalition of Brisbane's grassroots cycling advocacy groups has today launched the [#space4cyclingbne](https://www.facebook.com/space4cyclingbne) campaign. #space4cyclingBNE is aimed at securing commitments from Brisbane City Council election candidates to provide safe space for people to ride bikes as a form of transport.

The campaign will be city-shaping, through enabling more people to ride bikes for transport and leave their cars at home. This will make Brisbane a more prosperous and healthy city for all.

Modelled on the highly successful campaign in London (with the kind permission of the London Cycling Campaign), [#space4cyclingbne](https://www.facebook.com/space4cyclingbne) highlights the following six key needs for Brisbane:

1. Safe routes to schools
2. Streets for people
3. Protected space on main roads
4. A connected and direct network
5. 30 km/h residential speed limit
6. Bicycle friendly suburban centres.

Spokesperson Donald Campbell said "Traffic congestion is the biggest immediate problem holding Brisbane back. Brisbane is lagging behind the world's great metropolises like New York, London and Paris. In these cities, cycling is increasingly valued as a transport mode, resulting in administrations providing dedicated, safe space for people riding bikes".

"The current Council's \$120 million / four-year commitment is little more than window dressing, with this funding averaging less than 2% of its annual transport budget over recent years and lots of that being wasted on unusable and unsafe projects. Council's two types of favourite cycling projects are the painted bike lanes placed where cars are parked; and the indirect path through a park that is unsettling for users after sunset. Also, these paths are often part of a flood way that submerges when it rains and can be covered in mud for days afterwards".

[#space4cyclingbne](https://www.facebook.com/space4cyclingbne) has been formed by the following Brisbane cycling advocacy groups:

- Airport Bicycle User Group (BUG)
- Brisbane Central Business District (CBD) BUG
- Brisbane North BUG
- Chicks Who Ride Bikes
- Easy and Sustainable Transport (EaST) BUG
- Pedal Brisbane

Spokesperson Jordana Blackman said: "We've formed [#space4cyclingbne](https://www.facebook.com/space4cyclingbne) because Brisbane needs the same segregated bike lanes the Dutch and Danish have constructed. Such facilities allow people of all capabilities aged 8 to 80 to ride bikes for transport, in safety separated from motor vehicles. Council is cashed up after leasing out the Legacy Way tunnel and the Go Between Bridge tolling rights, and there is space for protected on-road bike lanes to create direct, connected and physically segregated space. Moving forward, all that is needed is the next Council of Brisbane to act".

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