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Petition for common sense to prevail with Queens Wharf Bikeway

A petition calling for common sense to prevail, regarding the reconstruction of the Bicentennial Bikeway as part of the Queens Wharf project has attracted over 1,000 signatures. Providing dedicated paths for pedestrian and bicycle movements as part of the reconstruction to the busiest active transport corridor in the state would be the most logical and common sense approach to ensure the safety and amenity for everyone. Unfortunately Queens Wharf are set to repeat the same mistakes of the South Bank Promenade.

The petition calls for Queen's Wharf to upgrade the Bicentennial Bikeway with dedicated, separated paths for pedestrians and bicycle riders to ensure the mistakes of the past (i.e. South Bank Promenade) are not repeated. The petition came about due to continuing concern that the Queens Wharf project team have ignored ongoing concerns raised by the CBD BUG that sections of the reconstructed bikeway will mimic the mistakes of the South Bank Promenade.

CBD BUG spokesperson Donald Campbell stated 'Queens Wharf have acknowledged Southbank is less than an ideal example, yet their documents continue to reference it as example of the finished product. Quite frankly the South Bank Promenade is a design of the past and the 1,000 plus signatures, signal that it should not be repeated. We should be designing for the future, not the past.'

While shared space can and does work well, it has design and capacity limitations. With bicycle movements as frequent as one every four seconds during peak hour, without a dedicated path for bicycle movements Queens Wharf seem to be designing to ensure there is conflict and potentially crashes between people on foot and bicycle.

For this reason today the CBD BUG has written to the Premier. Donald Campbell stated "we are deeply concerned that Queens Wharf are not designing for human nature, the design as it stands will not be a pleasant environment for anyone whether they are on bicycle or foot. Designing in conflict is a recipe for disaster on what is, an arterial corridor for bicycle and pedestrian movement"

Common sense must prevail with regard to the reconstruction of the Bicentennial Bikeway. If it does not, Queens Wharf are constructing an area with 100 years of conflict and confusion to occur.

Petition for the Bicentennial Bikeway to be upgrade closes 7/8/17

Petition can be found at

<http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/e-petition?PetNum=2745>

Ends