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More people cycling to work raises concern over end of trip facility standards

Queenslanders return to work frustrated that their end of trip facilities (EoT) are still closed and share concerns over COVID-19 hygiene and cleaning protocols.

COVID-19 has seen an increase in cycling for health and the daily commute, as people avoid public transport.

Bicycle Queensland (BQ) commissioned an EoT survey and found that people are not happy with the hygiene standards or communication over cleaning routines.

To help cyclists and businesses develop solutions to current problems in their end of trip facilities, BQ has created a best practice guide for EoT users and managers.

"We want to make the most of the bike boom and help promote alternative modes of transport," BQ's Director of Education, Patrick Trowse said.

"EoT fit outs should accommodate the needs of their users and this is not always the case," Mr Trowse said.

Mr Trowse said user numbers increase when hygiene standards are adequate, and businesses should strive to maintain this so people feel confident and comfortable when arriving to after active travel.

We have a range of expert EoT facility partners who are ready to help with fit outs and other EoT services," Mr Trowse said.

Recently, BQ called for State Government funding to support increased cycling in workplaces and Queensland is now well-positioned to support workplaces with bike parking, electric bike charging points, active transport salary packaging and essential education and training.

"Cities need to accommodate different transportation methods while maintaining appropriate safety norms," BQ's Chief Executive, Rebecca Randazzo said.

Now is a great time for Queensland to expand the horizons for health and lifestyle.

If we are to achieve our goal of being Australia's healthiest state action must be taken to support education on safe bike riding in all its forms, particularly to and from work.

For more information on how to promote safety in your EoT facility contact <u>bqinfo@bq.org.au</u>.



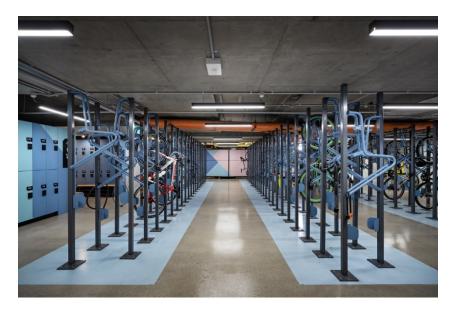


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