

Advocacy Statement

Bicycle Queensland (BQ) is committed to working with its members and the wider community to break down barriers to bicycle riding and create a state where everyone can enjoy riding safely for transport, recreation or sport - regardless of age, ability or location.

Riding a bike is an intrinsic part of our world that is often undervalued.

BQ believes in and promote the health, social, economic, and environmental benefits of bicycle riding. We actively champion bike riding as an efficient and cost-effective means of transport, which directly contributes to the development of a healthier Queensland.

BQ creates change by:

- Working co-operatively with elected officials, Government decision-makers and other road user stakeholders to ensure cycling priorities are kept firmly on the agenda.
- Seeking out the latest research and partners to assist us in delivering education and safety programs, and to influence Government policy on the inclusion of bicycle riding as a normalised everyday activity.
- Securing an ongoing financial commitment from the State Government and interested parties to promote and facilitate safe riding pursuits – building the Principal Cycling Network (PCN) across the State.
- Influencing urban planning and road design so it includes better riding amenities and infrastructure to create safe, connected, liveable communities – including in remote and regional areas.

BQ's target actions areas 2020 – 2030

1. Infrastructure

- Increase state transport budget spend on cycling to 5% to ensure PCNP is delivered to targeted timelines.
- Feedback to decision makers via member input on priority infrastructure projects and missing links across the state.
- Seek better integration and purposeful connections between cycling and public transport modes
- Advocate for Brisbane CBD cycle grid and CBD improvements in major regional cities

2. Through our Commuter Harmony Alliance brand and partners improve the safety of all Queensland bike riders as we

- Collaborate on policy and campaigns to improve the safety of vulnerable road users
- Advocate for “safer streets and neighbourhoods” via the reduction of speed limits and traffic control measures
- Lobby for regulation changes to improve the safety of vulnerable road users when interacting with oversized and heavy vehicles
- Provide ongoing education and support to motorists to safely interact with bike riders
- Improve the safety of all Queensland school students through the introduction of an in-school, integrated active travel education program

3. Policy Reviews and changes to

- Allow for bikes on passenger trains in peak times, and provision for bicycles on long-distance trains
- Allow bicycles on light rail, including Gold Coast G:Link
- Remove import tax on e-bikes that meet pedalec standards (EN 15194)
- Allow salary sacrifice structure options for bicycles as a means of transport and tool of trade
- Ensure all new city office buildings meet Green Star 5 star ratings, incl end of trip facilities
- Increase driver penalties for illegal parking and U-turns in school zones
- Amend driver training courses and testing measures to address knowledge gaps

4. Tourism

- Lobby for ongoing investment and commitment to build out and promote a connected, state-wide Rail Trail Network
- Develop BQ’s Queensland’s Bike Friendly Town brand

The more voices we can count, the stronger we are when speaking up for riders across our state. We are here to make change happen where you live and ride. Become a member today.