



**QUEENSLAND BUDGET**  
2022-2023 SUBMISSION  
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## ABOUT BICYCLE QUEENSLAND

With 16,000 members and 35,000 friends, Bicycle Queensland is one of the top ten member-based bike riding organisations in the world, and the second largest in Australia. We are committed to improving the health and wellbeing of Queenslanders by making riding a bike for health, transport, and recreation easier.

Our state-wide remit sees us work with members, local governments, community groups and private sector all over Queensland. We have measurable success and large-scale impact in riding participation rates and the promotion of healthy lifestyle through bike riding.

We achieve this through

- **Improving the bike riding environment by working with government at all levels to provide better infrastructure, legislation, data, policies, and regulations.**
- **Delivering successful, large-scale, and measurable behaviour change programs such as our school education and HerRide programs**
- **Providing services and benefits that support bike riders through our membership**
- **Advocating through our flagship, mass participating event Brisbane to Gold Coast .**
- **Being a key spokesperson on issues related to cycling and physical activity**

Bicycle Queensland welcomes the opportunity to open discussions with Treasury as preparations are being made for the 2022/2023 Queensland Budget.

We are here to lend a helping hand to build a state of healthy, happy people.

Rebecca Randazzo  
Chief Executive

## OPPORTUNITIES

Bicycle Queensland 2022-23 budget submission is calling on the government to invest in funding programs and initiatives that align with the strategic priorities of our organisation which represents nearly 16,000 members and 35,000 followers, with a majority living in Queensland.

The Palaszczuk Government has overseen enormous investment in major infrastructure programs to “unite and recover” from the impact of COVID-19. A result of the pandemic has been more Queenslanders riding a bike for transport, physical health and wellbeing, and as a means stay connected with their community. We estimate 1.3 million Queenslanders now ride their bike on a regular basis.

Bicycle Queensland asks the Palaszczuk Government to invest in bike riding as a sustainable and healthy pursuit. This will in turn help Queenslanders keep their momentum and see tangible differences in our traffic volumes, health, and happiness.

Bicycle Queensland is recommending that the following asks be included in the 2022-23 Queensland Budget to kick start these initiatives.

### 1. BUILD MORE PLACES TO RIDE - \$300M

- I. Commit to **150km** of new cycling infrastructure on the principle cycling network (PCN)
- II. Deliver on key bike infrastructure projects
- III. Invest in active transport alternative at commuter hubs



### 2. BUILD A ROBUST WORLD-CLASS CYCLE TOURISM INDUSTRY - \$200M

- I. Benefit from Queensland’s climate and natural beauty by committing to grow the number of rail trail and mountain bike trails to support economic recovery for the tourism industry.



### 3. GET MORE KIDS AND WOMEN ACTIVE - \$24M & \$.5M

- I. All new primary and secondary schools to be built with **1.5 km** of safe, separated active travel infrastructure to promote and nurture an active lifestyle in young Queenslanders.
- II. Invest in Bicycle Queensland School education and HerRide behaviour change program.

