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Kedron Brook Cycleway: Temporary Shared pathway

Dear Lord Mayor

Brisbane North Bicycle User Group and Bicycle Queensland write to express our joint concern about the hazards faced by people cycling and walking along Kedron Brook Bikeway (KBB).

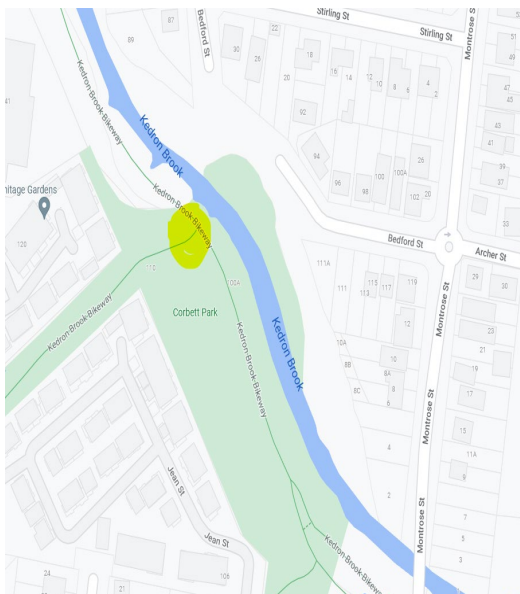
As you are aware there are a number of sections of the KBB that were destroyed during the February rain event. Yet residents' desire to use this green space for active transport remains strong.

People walking and cycling have created clear desire lines along the embankment at Grange. Given the length of time that will be needed before permanent facilities can be rebuilt, we ask that the construction of a temporary shared path to be made a priority for BCC.

There are still a high number of school students riding along the damaged corridor to school, and people of all ages using active transport to get to work, shopping or other activities. The current condition of the Kedron Brook Bikeway forces people to use other methods to get to their destinations.

There is a large section of washed out bikeway near where the path from Uxbridge Street joins Kedron Brook Bikeway (see image below). At present the informal bypass of this missing section of bikeway is reached via a steep and muddy ramp. The dirt exposed by bike wheels has turned to mud, and the risk of people hurting themselves should be easily apparent. We are aware of at least one ambulance being called to that area to treat an injured person.

The map below shows the location of the steep muddy crossover between the KBB and the current detour onto the embankment



Lord Mayor, Given the amount of time that a permanent rebuild of the Kedron Brook Bikeway will take, we ask you to act urgently to approve the construction of a temporary shared pathway in this area.

As the image below shows, the current conditions people are using are far from ideal and will undoubtedly lead to further damage to the embankment, and injuries to people riding and walking. In one sense it is a testament to what a vital transport link the Kedron Brook Bikeway is, that people are still using these informal paths to access the corridor.

The photo below shows the higher section of the embankment.



There is another section further west where the bank on the north side of the bridge has been washed away near Harvton Street. The bikeway has been completely cut due to damage caused by the flood.

We propose a temporary shared path to connect to a local street that links to a shopping centre car park that has a connection back to the bikeway. A connection from Kedron Brook Bikeway to Wolverhampton St has also been discussed with the local councillor. At present there is a desire line worn into the grass of people travelling from the bikeway to those local shops. As per the image below, the yellow line connects to Hayward St, from there the green line is where we would propose to use the local streets that already have speed calming in place to connect back to Kedron Brook Bikeway.



Brisbane North BUG is a voluntary community group that actively works for better conditions for all cyclists, and represent bike riders of all ages and abilities, who ride for transport, leisure or sport.

We look forward to working with you and Councillors and BCC staff to enable safer active transport along Kedron Brook.

Regards

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