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Cr Ryan Murphy Transport Chair Brisbane City Council

Via email: chair.transport@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Dear Cr Murphy

Thank you for your on-going commitment to giving the people of Brisbane the best active lifestyle choices. Under Lord Mayor Schrinner's leadership, Brisbane City Council has continued to invest in world-leading active transport and micro-mobility infrastructure, which is shaping how the people of Brisbane move about our city.

The continued growth of cycling, walking and micro-mobility as modes for both transport and recreation is having a positive effect on helping reduce traffic congestion, one which will multiply in significance as missing links in the active transport network are completed.

Bicycle Queensland was pleased to take the opportunity to participate in the community working group for the next and final stage of the *North Brisbane Bikeway: Price Street to Kedron Brook* project. This 500 metre section of bikeway will unlock a direct connection from Sandgate and even Redcliffe, all the way to Brisbane's CBD.

As a missing link which makes a difference to every bike rider, e-bike rider and e-scooter rider on the north side of Brisbane, it is hard to understate the significance of the NBB project.

Bicycle Queensland agrees with the RACQ that active transport infrastructure is the best value-formoney investment that Australian cities can make, and the one which has the biggest potential for congestion-busting.

RACQ and the other motoring clubs across Australia have put forward the concept of "cycling superhighways", a radial network of high-quality bike routes to the CBDs of Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. The concept has been modelled (and named!) after a similar initiative proposed and championed by the former Lord Mayor of London and former Prime Minister of the UK Boris Johnson. London's cycle superhighways have seen a significant uptake of cycling as a direct result of providing safe connections though one of the busiest cities in the world.

Lord Mayor, the *North Brisbane Bikeway: Price Street to Kedron Brook* project is a vital part of Brisbane's cycling superhighway network that your administration has already established. We look forward to the completion of this vital project by Council.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to be involved with the consultation process for this important project.

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