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BRISBANE OLYMPIC AND
PARALYMPIC GAMES
100 DAY REVIEW



A SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF CYCLING AND MICROMOBILITY
BY BICYCLE QUEENSLAND - JANUARY 2025





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Bicycle Queensland is the peak body representing people who ride bikes for recreation and transport. We have 12,000 active members and represent the 1.5 million Queenslanders who own a bike and ride regularly.

Our submission focuses on Objective 2 of the 100-day review: Connectivity and Integration.

The foundational idea underlying the Games bid was that the Games would serve as a catalyst for better transport connectivity – and better liveability – in the growing South East Queensland region.

In our view, connectivity should remain the number one planning priority for the Games with active transport as its primary legacy.

Active transport is ideal for mass movement of people, carbon neutral, accessible, healthy, affordable, is a cheaper form of infrastructure for government and drives economic growth.

In order to achieve an active transport Games and Legacy, we call on Games organisers to set two targets –

1. A Games target that 90% of spectator trips will be via public or active transport, and
2. A Legacy target that the infrastructure and better connections built to support the Games should support 20% mode share of all journeys (to work, school etc) being undertaken by active transport (cycling, walking, micromobility)

To achieve this, Games organisers should –

- Connect key Games locations with **Smart Spines** – wide, tree lined and digitally enabled active transport boulevards which connect Games venues with accommodation centres and city landmarks.
- Set up venues to ensure **active transport** accessibility with major plazas and ample, well organised space for bike and scooter parking. Arrangements should be made for an increase in hire bike and scooter availability at Games time.
- Build the **critical network of connections** to fill in the missing links in the active transport network and ensure that the inner-city Smart Spines can be safely accessed from outer and middle ring suburbs
- Fund **Principal Cycle Network Plans** long in place on paper in regional areas to allow active transport connections to regional Games events.

By prioritising active and efficient modes of transport, Brisbane can enhance the experience for residents, visitors, and athletes alike, transforming the city into a more liveable, accessible, and sustainable place. With increased and targeted investment into infrastructure and supporting programs such as increase bike and scooter hire schemes, Brisbane 2032 should aim for an active transport (cycling, walking, micromobility) mode share of 20% of all journey types. This will be a significant legacy.

WHO IS BICYCLE QUEENSLAND?

Bicycle Queensland is Queensland's peak advocacy group for cycling and micromobility. We represent the 1.5 million Queenslanders who ride a bike weekly via our 12,000 members and 33 000 supporters, who join us in promoting our vision of getting more Queenslanders to ride more often.

We are dedicated to promoting cycling as a sustainable, healthy, and enjoyable mode of transport. Bicycle Queensland works with local governments, businesses, and other stakeholders to improve cycling infrastructure, raise awareness about the benefits of cycling, and encourage people to ride more frequently.

In addition to advocacy, Bicycle Queensland organises events, rides, and educational programs for cyclists of all levels. These events include charity rides, and community rides, aimed at fostering a vibrant cycling culture. We also offer cycling-related services such as insurance for members and resources to help people ride safely.

BQ's mission is to ensure that cycling is safe, accessible, and enjoyable for all residents of Queensland, whether for commuting, recreation, or sport.

Bicycle Queensland is agnostic on the location of a new stadium but is disappointed that the protracted stadium debate has detracted from the foundational idea underpinning the Games bid: that Brisbane 2032 would be a catalyst for better transport infrastructure and greater liveability in the fast growing South East Queensland region.

Improved connectivity was the genesis of the Games bid and must remain the priority of Games planning. Our submission is focused on Objective 2 of the Review: Assess connectivity and integration.

