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Via email: housing@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Dear Minister

I write to call for your urgent action to implement improvements to the access for Queensland Government staff riding bicycle and personal mobility devices (PMDs) to work at the 33 Charlotte St (33CS) and 111 George St buildings in the Brisbane Central Business District.

The background to this letter is staff travelling to/from these two buildings via bicycle and PMDs need to access the end of trip facilities (EoTF) i.e. bike cages and shower/change rooms via the 33CS basement Level 1 car park.

However, the 33CS car park entry/exit point, and the movement of people/vehicles on the 33CS Basement Level 1, is currently focused on people driving motor vehicles and does not make appropriate provision for people walking or riding bicycles/PMDs.

Staff using these facilities have recently been emailed by the staff of your department (as the administrators of the 33CS EoTF) (see attached) to notify them they must dismount and walk when in the 33CS car park – allegedly on the basis of “safety”. This email also threatens removal of access to the 33CS EoTF for non-compliance with this direction.

The approach of requiring people cycling or scootering to dismount for “safety” in an area where other, typically senior executive staff, are allowed to drive vehicles is patently ludicrous and discriminatory.

Sadly, the obvious solution to the issues leading to this situation, which is allowing cyclists and PMD riders to enter and exit the car park via the driveway, has been ignored. This approach would also improve bicycle and PMD rider access to the bike cages and enable them to ride within the car park in accordance with the signed direction of travel.

Instead, the decision maker/s on this issue have adopted a narrow-minded approach and chosen to further inconvenience staff who are making the effort to cycle/scooter to work.

If the Queensland Government is serious about encouraging more people to use active travel this should be supported/reflected in how its own staff travelling to work via these modes are catered for in their access to the necessary EoTF via the 33CS car park.

I look forward to your response on this issue.

Yours faithfully

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