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## Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group

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Councillor Krista Adams  
Holland Park Ward

Via email to: [Hollandpark.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au](mailto:Hollandpark.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au)

Dear Cr Adams

### **Request to remove unnecessary Cyclist Dismount signs in Tarragindi, Holland Park Ward**

The Brisbane CBD BUG, on behalf of its members who live in and ride through the Holland Park Ward, requests the removal of a number of 'Cyclist Dismount' signs that are displayed on the SE Freeway Bikeway (shared path) that runs alongside the Pacific Motorway. These signs appear on both sides of Vista Ave and Weal Ave, Tarragindi where the SE Freeway Bikeway crosses these streets (near the Esher Street intersections). I have included a photo of one of the signs on the approach to Vista Avenue for your reference.

Cyclists find these signs to be ineffective, patronising and inappropriately used, for the following reasons:

- There is no road rule or other regulation that we are aware of that require cyclists to dismount to cross a street, so this signage appears to be unenforceable. These signs also appear to be in non compliance with The Australian Standard AS1742 – Manual of uniform traffic control devices
- Individual cyclists are best placed to decide whether they need to dismount in a particular situation and in these specific examples, the 'risk' is just crossing a suburban street
- They give the impression that cycling is a mode of transport where you need to dismount to travel safely, instead of using judgment and common sense. They also place the onus of responsibility on the cyclist to reduce any risk, rather than the motorist.

In short, we understand that these signs are only used on very rare occasions, usually as a method of traffic control to address a serious temporary hazard. The location of these signs in question does not appear to meet any criteria for their use. However, if these streets have been assessed by road engineers as 'risky' for cyclists to cross, then better road designs and signage on Vista and Weal Avenues that slows traffic, marks the crossing, and/or warns motorists of cyclists crossing would be a more sensible approach to this situation. These other methods would also be more likely to meet current road design standards.

Therefore, we would be most appreciative if you could arrange for the removal of these signs and consider whether any enhancements are necessary to the streetscape and road design to maintain the safety of all road and bikeway users in these locations.



Yours faithfully

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