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Dear Mr Ogden

I am writing to advise you that Queensland Transport has released the draft maps for the *Principal Cycle Network Plan for Far North Queensland*. The maps are available for viewing on Queensland Transport's website at <http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/pcnfnq>. Public comments are welcomed until 1 August 2008.

The *Queensland Cycle Strategy 2003* set a short-term, high-priority action of developing Principal Cycle Network Plans for regional areas. In March 2007, Queensland Transport and the Department of Main Roads engaged Cardno Eppell Olsen consultants to develop a *Principal Cycle Network Plan* for far north Queensland. Council officers, bicycle user groups and other local stakeholders provided their input and local knowledge through eight community workshops and direct consultation. The draft maps will now be released to allow broader public consultation.

These maps show the draft principal cycle network, a continuous and interconnected network across Local Government areas that will allow safe cycling between the region's major destinations. The draft Principal Cycle Network includes two classifications:

- Principal Transport routes - shorter distance trips within centres for work, school, and so on; and
- Iconic Recreation routes - longer distance trips between regional centres serving a strong demand for cycle tourism in the region.

The maps also differentiate between existing and proposed sections of the network.

At the close of the consultation period, the steering group will consider all comments made and may adjust routes to better reflect community needs. Once the network is finalised, links will be prioritised and concept designs prepared to assist in implementation. The final *Principal Cycle Network Plan for Far North Queensland* is expected to be completed by December 2008.

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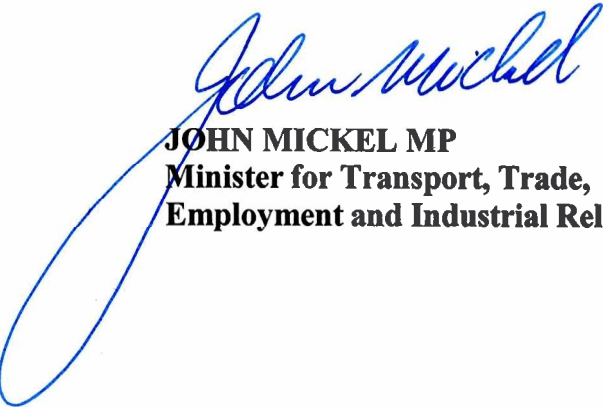
Written comments on the proposed routes may be sent **until 1 August 2008** to:

Cycle Network Plan
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Or email to: regional.manager.ITP.far.north@transport.qld.gov.au .

We look forward to receiving your comments. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Reese on 4040 6388 .

Yours sincerely



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