

Tristan Peach
Spokesperson
Community Action for Sustainable Transport
PO Box 1260 Fortitude Valley Q 4006

The Honourable Anna Bligh
Queensland Premier

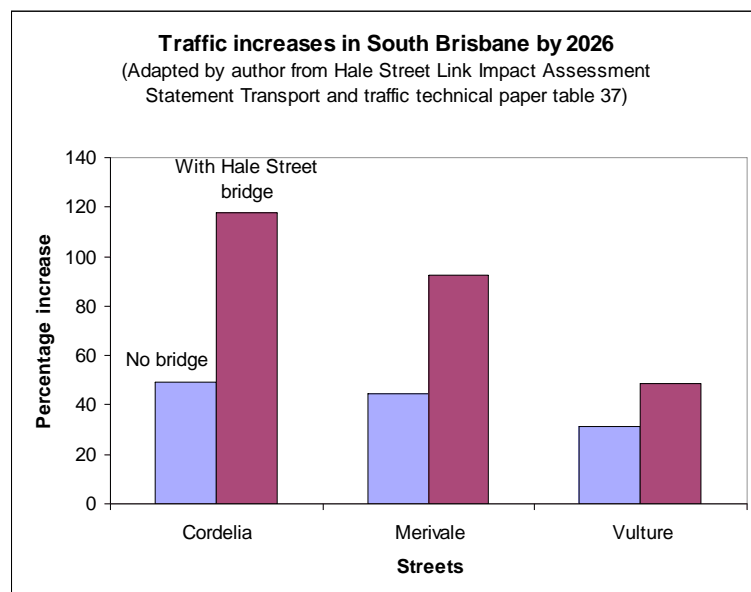
An effective alternative to the Hale Street Bridge

Dear Premier,

Brisbane City Council's Hale Street Bridge (HSB) project will make traffic congestion in your electorate worse and it is unclear why your government would support it.

The graph below summarises traffic data from table 37 of the Hale Street Link Impact Assessment Statement and shows that Cordelia, Merivale and Vulture Streets will have huge increases in traffic compared to a "No Bridge" option.

The State should not give Brisbane City Council tolling powers for a project that will increase, not reduce, traffic congestion in your electorate.



The HSB project does not even comply with Brisbane City's own mode share targets for future public transport usage and is against the intent of the SEQ regional plan.

Council and the State should invest in solutions that are proven to work. Higher frequency train services on the Cleveland and Beenleigh lines, a huge expansion of cycling lanes and paths, transit priority and increased frequency of buses travelling in from the outer south and better cross city bus services.

Locally, any new development in West End should not proceed until it can be guaranteed that it will have high frequency public transport, wide pedestrian paths, cycle lanes and reduced car parking.

Regards

Tristan Peach
On behalf of the Community Action for Sustainable Transport Committee