



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

End-of-Trip Facilities Initiative

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Stafford—ALP) (Minister for Infrastructure and Planning) (10.11 am): The Bligh government has moved to help Queenslanders to incorporate more physical activity into their busy lives and revolutionise the way we look at commuting to work. Our proposed end-of-trip facility initiative could see secure bike racks, lockers and showers included in all new major office developments and significant additions to buildings such as shopping centres, hospitals and education facilities. Under the draft changes to the Queensland Development Code, commercial buildings greater than 2,000 square metres will be required to offer end-of-trip facilities for staff and clientele. Queenslanders are busier than they have ever been. We work hard and it is difficult to include exercise in our daily life. This initiative will make regular exercise more accessible. It will encourage people to make exercise part of their day-to-day routine.

This Bligh government initiative will not only encourage more Queenslanders to exercise and reduce the demand on Queensland's road network but also deliver on our Toward Q2 pledges to cut greenhouse gas emissions and reduce obesity. Many commuters are limited to one or two options—drive or take public transport. The Bligh government's draft end-of-trip facilities initiative will provide people with a healthier and greener choice. The addition of bike racks, lockers and showers in major new building developments will encourage people to get out of their cars and use alternative means of transport—like their legs, like shanks's pony. Simply put, this draft initiative can change people's lives.

Building tenants, owners and users will also experience significant benefits from the inclusion of end-of-trip facilities such as reduced demand on car parking and a healthier workforce. The proposed end-of-trip facilities are expected to be part of the Queensland Development Code's section 4.1 relating to sustainable buildings which has already resulted in five-star and six-star energy efficiency requirements for units, houses and major renovations. These draft amendments deliver on the Bligh government's cleaner, greener buildings initiative; *ClimateQ: toward a greener Queensland* commitment; the Toward Q2 targets to cut the state's carbon footprint by one-third by 2020; and the Toward Q2 healthy target to reduce obesity. The introduction of end-of-trip facilities was also discussed at the Bligh government's Growth Management Summit at the end of March. In planning for Queensland's bright future, this government said it would work hard to reduce obesity levels, greenhouse gas emissions and congestion, and that is what we are doing.