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Dear Mr Campbell

Thank you for your letter of 4 February 2018 to the Minister for Housing and Public Works, Minister for Digital Technology and Minister for Sport regarding safety issues concerning the Goodwill Bridge deck resurfacing. I am replying on the Minister's behalf.

I can assure you that public safety for users of the Goodwill Bridge is of paramount concern to the Minister and the department and we are committed to making the bridge surface safe for pedestrians and cyclists. Please be assured that your feedback, along with that received from the general public is being taken very seriously.

The Goodwill Bridge was resurfaced in September 2017 as a result of a Pedestrian and Cyclist Observation Study. After reviewing the interactions between cyclists and pedestrians using the bridge, the study made a number of recommendations. These included increasing the speed limit from 10kmph to 20kmph to reflect existing and safe behaviour, and the introduction of an informal segregation between cyclists and pedestrians through colour variances.

To ensure compatibility with the existing surface, the new works used the same surface coating materials as the original resurfacing in 2018. In addition, following the resurfacing of the bridge the department arranged for slip resistance testing of the bridge surface in accordance with Australian Standards. Based on the testing undertaken by Sliptest Australia Pty Ltd, the slip resistance of the bridge surface has a very low risk of contributing to a fall when wet. While the testing indicated that the bridge surface meets the relevant Australian Standard, the department undertook further works in mid-October 2017, known as 'a rapid wear process,' to make the surface more slip-resistant.

As concerns continued to be raised with the department after this rapid wear process, further independent testing was arranged, which confirmed the test results from September 2017. In order to address community expectations, in February 2018, the department engaged the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB). ARRB are experts in roadway and pavement surfaces and have recently completed a comprehensive skid resistance assessment of the bridge.

The assessment has recommended a resurfacing treatment be applied to the Goodwill Bridge in order to achieve a higher slip resistance value and the department has now engaged ARRB to develop a technical specification for the resurfacing works. Once the technical specification is complete, the department will progress the tender for the proposed resurfacing treatment as a priority to ensure the works are completed as soon as possible.

In addition, the department has installed signage on the bridge asking people to 'use caution and dismount when wet', and will be suspending additional LED signs from the bridge's overhead structure as an interim measure until the issues can be resolved. Currently, the LED signs are scheduled to be installed by late May 2018.

The existing bollards are required to keep the bridge users safe from unauthorised vehicles accessing the bridge. The department is aware of pedestrian and cycle interaction in these locations and will consider relocating the bollards if necessary when the resurfacing issues are addressed.

I hope this information answers your enquiry. If you need any more information or help with this matter, Mr Dave Keogh, Principal Asset Manager, Queensland Government Accommodation Office can be contacted on (07) 3008 2827 or email dave.keogh@hpw.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Spencer', written in a cursive style.

Helen Spencer
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