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Dear Dr Bean

Thank you for your email of 3 June 2018 with the CBD BUG submission on the Indooroopilly Bikeway (Radnor Street) – Stage 1 project.

I appreciate CBD BUG taking the time to consider the preliminary design and provide feedback on safety and connectivity in relation to project staging. Feedback received during consultation, including CBD BUG's submission, will assist Council to refine and finalise the project design, prior to construction commencing early next year.

I acknowledge the concerns about connectivity and Stage 1 being constructed as a stand-alone project. The Indooroopilly Bikeway project will provide a strategic link in the bikeway network, connecting the Western Freeway to the University of Queensland, and was always intended to be delivered in stages. Ultimately, Stage 1 and Stage 2 will provide the best long-term solution, however, funding is currently only available within the current term of office to deliver Stage 1.

Council is planning to deliver Stage 1 of the Indooroopilly Bikeway project as part of the *Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane* program, creating dedicated bikeways and active travel options with a \$100 million investment from 2016 to 2020.

In relation to the concerns regarding the safety of school students, I can advise that safety for all road users is a priority for Council and is also a key driver for the staging of the Indooroopilly Bikeway project.

Once complete, Stage 1 will improve safety for motorists and cyclists who currently travel along Radnor Street, which is winding and narrow at points. The existing road network via Witton Road, Twigg Street and Foxtton Street is an important link for commuters and recreational cyclists and currently has no dedicated bicycle facilities except for Bicycle Awareness Zone (BAZ) markings on Radnor Street.

The footpath along Radnor Street is narrow and currently does not meet the pedestrian demands. Therefore, Council considers the new Stage 1 bikeway will improve safety for those students, pedestrians and cyclists as well as motorists who currently use Radnor Street.

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Safety for cyclists and pedestrians has been carefully considered as part of the design of Stage 1, and the project includes improvements, such as a dedicated crossing at Foxtton Street and banning the right-hand turn movements into and out of Foxtton Street to reduce vehicle movements.

Stage 2 will extend the first stage, under the Walter Taylor Bridge and connect to the Witton Barracks on the eastern side, at the existing Jack Pesch Bridge. As CBD BUG is aware, Stage 2 will be delivered as a separate future stage, when funding becomes available. The concept design for Stage 2 has been developed sufficiently to ensure a seamless connection between Stage 1 and Stage 2. Once constructed, Stage 2 will allow cyclists and pedestrians to safely access and utilise both stages of the project.

I acknowledge that CBD BUG would like to see upgrades to the Kate Street and Witton Road intersection and Lambert Road. The Kate Street and Witton Road intersection and Lambert Road are not part of the Stage 1 project scope, however, your feedback will be considered during the design phase of future stages of this important bikeway project as funding becomes available.

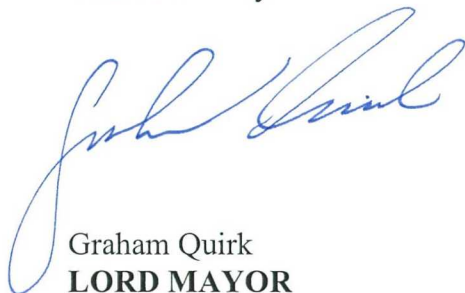
In relation to the concerns that Council is not meeting its active transport goals, I can confirm that since 2008, Council has invested \$220 million to link the commuter cycling network, which services Brisbane's major employment areas. Council has worked to improve local suburban bikeways, including lighting, signage, bicycle racks, mid-trip facilities and safety measures. The *Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane* program is not only aimed at providing safer access for those who currently cycle, but also to significantly boost the number of people cycling.

I appreciate your suggestion to redirect Land Street project funding to Stage 2 of the Indooroopilly Bikeway. I can confirm the Land Street project is deferred as it no longer represents a good outcome for the ratepayers of Brisbane. Funding anticipated to be used towards the Land Street project will be reinvested into the *Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane* program.

If you would like further information, please contact the project team on 1800 010 705 during business hours or email bikewayprojects@brisbane.qld.gov.au. For information outside of business hours, please call Council's 24-hour Contact Centre on 3403 8888.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely



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