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My dear Lord Mayor

Annerley Road Bikeway Crash Hazard Alert

I am writing to alert you to a significant crash hazard currently being built into the Annerley Road bikeway. The attached photo should be self-explanatory.

The large services box in the middle of the photo is also in the middle of the bikeway at the Annerley Road approach to Stanley Street. There is a considerable risk that someone will ride a bicycle into it. If someone is following closely behind another cyclist, when near the box, the first cyclist may swerve to avoid it. Being fully separated from vehicles at this point, the bikeway will encourage cyclists of all ages and abilities to lower their guard. The following cyclist will have little time to react and could crash into the box. It is not that uncommon for cyclists to crash into the back of parked cars.

We do not deliberately build new roads with hazards in the middle of the carriageway - we go to great expense to separate hazards. We should not build new bikeways this way. We understand that the services box has some heritage significance. However, Council has seen fit to relocate war memorials at Cameron Rocks and Mowbray Park as part of road projects to allow for extra road space. This box is a hazard and should be moved for this reason alone.

In the bikeway layouts released to the public, there was no indication that this box would not be removed. Had this been the case we'd certainly have written to you with our concerns about it at the time.

We want the Annerley Road bikeway to be the outstanding success it should be. We implore you to have this hazard removed before someone is seriously injured.

Yours faithfully

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CC: Cr Jonathan Sri, Maurice Blackburn and Bicycle Queensland

