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Tourism Industry Development and  
Minister for Cross River Rail**

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Dear Mr French

I refer to your email to the Honourable Kate Jones MP, Minister for Innovation and Tourism Industry Development and Minister for Cross River Rail, regarding the closure of Albert Street to vehicles between Mary Street and Charlotte Street. The Minister has asked me to respond on her behalf.

Thank you for your support for the permanent closure of this section of Albert Street to motor vehicles. When construction work on the new Albert Street station is completed, this section will become a pedestrian plaza.

I note your concern regarding the need for cyclists to dismount through this stretch of Albert Street and to walk their bicycles through the designated pedestrian thoroughfares during the construction period. The requirement to dismount has been deemed necessary to ensure the safety of both pedestrians and cyclists. During all construction, the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority (the Delivery Authority) is committed to mitigating and reducing risks as much as possible in any areas where works are underway, especially with regards to personal safety for both workers and the general public.

In regard to your request for a rideable route to be provided along this section of Albert Street, I can assure you this possibility was considered. However, the available area is limited and, to safely accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists, the dismount approach was deemed to be the most appropriate. Minister Jones fully supports the Delivery Authority's commitment to safety and supports the requirement for pedestrians and cyclists alike to use caution when passing through any work sites in the city.

I appreciate your concerns and ask for your patience while the project constructs what will be the first new train station in the Brisbane CBD in over 120 years. Cross River Rail will allow more trains to run more often and will encourage road users to use public transport, helping to ease congestion on Brisbane's key roads.

If you require more information about the closure or Cross River Rail in general, I encourage you to contact the Delivery Authority via email at [info@crossriverrail.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@crossriverrail.qld.gov.au). or by telephone on 1800 010 875.

Yours sincerely

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