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The Right Honorable Adrian Schrinner
Lord Mayor of Brisbane
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Via email to: lord.mayor@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Dear Lord Mayor

This letter requests that the Edward Street gates of the City Botanic Gardens are left open at night to facilitate the movement of pedestrians and cyclists.

The background to this request is that despite the gardens being open 24/7, at present these gates are locked between 6pm and 6am daily, leaving people walking or riding bicycles only the limited space of the two smaller gates located either side of the main gate.

The new City Botanic Gardens Riverwalk and River Hub is a welcome addition to Brisbane's cycling/walking infrastructure. However, it doesn't change the need for some cyclists / walkers to still travel via the gates to/from Edward St and Alice Street, and closing the main gates is hazardous; not only is it a tight squeeze through the narrow "pedestrian" gates, but visibility is poor and someone traveling in the opposite direction can easily be obscured by the large pillars. Additionally, the different ground levels due to the kerbs on both sides of the vehicular entrance can also provide a risk in poor light conditions for someone who is unfamiliar with this area.

Motor vehicles are prevented by bollards from traveling in the City Botanic Gardens beyond the small carpark just inside the Edwards Street gates. But even if Council wants to stop these vehicular entries "after hours", there needs to be a better solution adopted than just closing these gates.

I look forward to your response regarding this matter and would welcome a discussion with Council officers about the options for addressing these concerns.

Yours faithfully

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