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Dear Donald,

Thanks for your letter of the 11th of January, and for the opportunity to address the issue of cycling infrastructure. It's really important to me, not just as a cyclist but also as a local MP who wants to ensure that our infrastructure is designed for the best possible mix of current and future demand.

Your views echo those that I hear every day in our community. People here want to have not just efficient but safe transport options. They want to be able to cycle with their families safely. In turn, motorists I speak to tend to support physical separation.

Protected bike lanes make a lot of sense. For cyclists it's a guarantee of protection, and that's crucial. For motorists it removes the anxiety of having slower-moving vehicles nearby.

I should say that I am very sceptical about the Metro project. The members of the current BCC administration have a lot of questions to answer about it, but of course that's a matter for them. I am, however, a long way from convinced they will be able to make this project work.

In answer to your question though – you've got my support. I endorse your call to see protected bike lanes on the Victoria Bridge, and on Melbourne St to Merivale St.

As you can imagine, I have a lot of demands on my time having to be in Canberra almost half the year but if you have time at one of your meetings and we can get our diaries to match, I'd welcome to the opportunity to discuss this with you in person. Otherwise, one of my dedicated team will be happy to come along and listen to your members' views.

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Thanks again for contacting me about this. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me, or, in my absence, Ms Sarah Anderson of my office on 07 3397 1674 or by email at Terri.Butler.MP@aph.gov.au.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terri Butler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

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