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Councillor Vicki Howard
Brisbane City Central Ward
Via email: central.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au

Dear Councillor Vicki Howard

Re: Proposal for a car-free New Farm Park

Congratulations on being re-elected to represent the people of Brisbane as Councillor for Central Ward.

Would you please consider providing a safe space for people to exercise whilst social distancing by removing motor vehicles from New Farm Park?

Many people use the road in New Farm Park to walk, run and cycle for exercise. People of all ages can be seen using the park's roads most days. Motor vehicles parked on the road reduce the space available for people to enjoy this wonderful park. Vehicles driving on the road in the park present a danger and are a disincentive to people using the road for exercise, particularly children and people with a disability.

I have had low vision as a result of eye surgery and my mother uses a wheelchair. As a person with low vision I found the paths in New Farm Park difficult to use. At the entrance with the arches, the path is not sealed and you can't see a way through to the rest of the park. The ring road is obviously for cars and the paths crossing the ring road don't line up, forcing you to go down a road made narrow by parked cars and no space to dodge oncoming cars to access the next path. The paths are also narrow and many paths are not sealed. Allowing people to safely use the ring road would make the park more accessible for everyone including people with a disability.

Precedents for removing cars from public parks include Central Park in New York and Centennial Park in Sydney.

Car parking is available outside New Farm Park on Brunswick Street, Sydney Street, in the Powerhouse car park and other streets around the park.

We have written to the Lord Mayor seeking his support to improve the safety and amenity of residents who use New Farm Park by removing motor vehicles from the park.

Yours Sincerely

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