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Dear Mr French *Paul*

Thank you for your letter of 14 June 2023 about the recent cyclist fatality on Nudgee Road, Nudgee.

Like so many, I was deeply saddened to hear of the tragic loss of Philip Pawsey.

Council will continue to fully cooperate with the Queensland Police Service and the Coroner's office, in the event of an inquest. On 16 May 2023, Council passed a motion to thoroughly review and implement any recommendations that arise from a coronial investigation.

Regrettably, there has been unhelpful commentary surrounding this tragic accident, even before the conclusion of a proper investigation by the authorities. At this time, there is limited public information about the incident, and it is essential that we have full and accurate information before drawing any conclusions.

Council remains fully committed to investing in cycling and other active transport initiatives. In the 2022/23 financial year alone, \$207 million was allocated to enhance active transport infrastructure. This represents a record investment and follows many years of increased funding for this purpose. It is worth noting that the \$207 million figure does not include the numerous active transport improvements underway as part of Council's road upgrade program.

I also acknowledge that while infrastructure plays a vital role in enhancing safety on our roads, it must be complemented by regulations and technology that aid in making cycling safer for residents.

The 2015 inquest into Rebekka Meyer's death recommended the use of appropriate technologies to alert truck drivers to obstacles within their forward blind spots. It is regrettable that other levels of government, which are able to regulate such changes, have not yet acted on this recommendation.

The motion passed by Council will ensure any relevant coronial recommendations that arise from the very sad passing of Philip Pawsey will be undertaken in full by Council. However, it is important to reiterate that we do not yet have these recommendations, nor do we possess all the details of this tragic accident.

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Further, Council's plan is to provide signalised pedestrian and cyclist crossings for the intersection of Hudson Road and Albion Overpass. Once completed, these crossings will provide a safe connection between the planned off-road cycling facility on the northern side of Albion Overpass, with the planned off-road shared path on the southern side of Sandgate Road, connecting through to Abbotsford Road. These projects will be funded in future in line with city wide priorities.

Council completed investigations for the development of a preliminary design for Bowen Bridge Road, including O'Connell Terrace, Campbell Street and Butterfield Street, under Council's 2021-22 Budget. Council is progressing the detailed design of Bowen Bridge Road, O'Connell Terrace and Campbell Street, under Council's 2023-24 Major Road Network Improvements Design Budget (Service 2.1.2.3).

I can confirm Council's preliminary design considered the circumstances of the fatality which occurred at the intersection of Bowen Bridge Road and O'Connell Terrace. At this stage, I am unable to release the design for public review as it remains subject to change. However, I can assure you Council is working closely with Economic Development Queensland to ensure that approved adjoining developments within the Bowen Hills and Herston Quarter Priority Development areas are conditioned to preserve land needed to deliver these planned upgrades.

The construction of this upgrade is included in the Local Government Infrastructure Plan (Reference LGIP ID BOH-RI-002) with an estimated year of completion by 2026.

I trust that we can all work together to create safer roads for all users.

Thank you again for contacting me.

Yours sincerely



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