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Dear Dr Bean

Thank you for your letter of 17 February 2016 about the design of the intersection of Herschel Street and North Quay. As you know, Council is a strong supporter of cycling and I am committed to making our cycling and active transport network as safe as possible for all users.

As you point out, these signals fall under the jurisdiction of the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR). Council works in partnership with TMR to deliver a safe and efficient transport network. Although I have no jurisdiction to upgrade these signals and the immediate surrounding network, I can assure you that Council is willing to work with TMR to improve cycling infrastructure across the city, including this location.

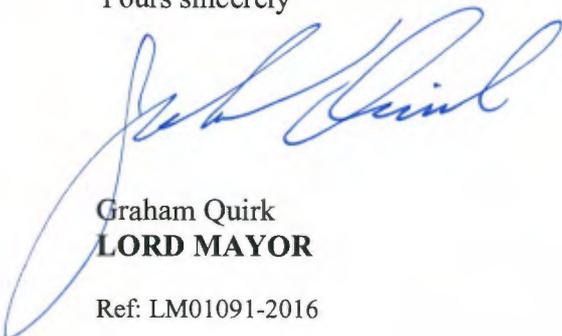
I asked Mr Luke Robertson from Council's Transport Planning and Strategy branch to investigate your concerns. I am advised that the groove and metal plates are also under the jurisdiction of TMR. I have asked Mr Robertson to contact TMR to determine if they can be rectified in the interim.

Mr Robertson has advised there are number of space limitations, including the steep drop off and heavily used traffic lanes that may affect the ability for TMR to deliver your proposal. Mr Robertson also advises there may be flow on impacts on traffic lanes, bus infrastructure and kerbside allocations which would need to be considered as part of any upgrade. As you have also written to the Honourable Mark Baily MP, Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports, I trust the Minister will consider your ideas and respond to you in due course.

If you would like to discuss this matter further from a Council perspective, please contact Mr Robertson on 3403 8888.

Thank you for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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