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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 27 August 2013 seeking an update for the completion date of the pedestrian/bicycle overpass at Roma Street. I have been requested to respond to you on the Premier's behalf. I apologise for the delay in responding

Because of the issues that you raised, the Premier sought advice directly from his Cabinet colleague, the Honourable Scott Emerson MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads. He was told that the Roma Street pedestrian and cycle bridge was planned as part of the new Brisbane Supreme and District Court project.

Sadly, the current fiscal position of the Queensland Government has required a significant reduction in expenditure on infrastructure, and this project is not on the current forward program. However, when funding becomes available the remaining section will be completed, linking to the existing facilities without the requirement of retrofitting.

In the meantime, there are various alternative options for cyclists travelling from Roma Street Parklands precinct to the Cultural Centre and Southbank, including bike lanes along Roma, George and Turbot Streets and signalised pedestrian and cyclist road crossings on Roma and George Streets.

Again, thank you for writing to the Premier about this matter and I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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