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Dear Mr French

I refer to my interim response about the prohibition of cyclists on the Centenary Motorway.

The investigation by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has been completed.

With regard to your questions, an independent report by ARRB Group (on the Centenary Motorway as a whole and not as a comparison to alternate routes) '*Cyclist Safety Assessment on the Centenary Motorway June 2014*' recommended that TMR should consider the following:

- maintain the prohibition of cyclists on this section of Centenary Motorway from Garden Road to Augusta Parkway due to the high volume, high speed traffic and the safety risks associated with:
 - conflicts at the ramps and intersections, particularly high speed motorway to motorway connections
 - high number of heavy vehicles.
- improve the alternative off-motorway cycle path
- apply for funding of a separate cycle path parallel to the motorway
- encourage recreational cyclists wanting to ride/train in a highway setting to use the Centenary Highway between Augusta Parkway and Cunningham Highway as an alternative
- undertake an educational campaign aimed at drivers and cyclists, focusing on the limitations of some of the routes on the state-controlled road network, thus increasing mutual awareness to reduce the likelihood of conflict.

The prohibition of cycling on the Centenary Motorway pre-dated the current two year trial of the minimum overtaking distance rule. This current TMR policy is based on safety and will remain until upgrades and improvements can be undertaken. Accordingly, consultation was not undertaken for the prohibition, however, TMR informed key stakeholders. I am told that Mr Adam Rogers, Director (Cycling Programs), advised you of the prohibition by email on 9 April 2014.

TMR updated its *Cycling Infrastructure Policy* in August 2013. This policy confirms TMR's commitment to optimising the safety, efficiency and reliability of the transport network by progressively implementing cycling network and facilities on state-controlled transport assets throughout Queensland.

TMR is committed to the delivery of future upgrades to cycling infrastructure to improve safety, connectivity and reliability to and from the network. The preferred route between Richlands and Springfield is a veloway style cycle path next to the Centenary Motorway connecting Springfield with the existing cycle network.

TMR currently does not have funding available for improvements to the cycle network at this location. TMR assesses competing network needs as future funding becomes available.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Mr George Schwerin, Principal Engineer (Intelligent Transport Systems) on 3066 5636 or by email at metropolitanregion@tmr.qld.gov.au.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Berkman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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