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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 26 October 2010 about the potential long-term closure of a section of Stanley Street, South Brisbane.

I understand that Councillor Graham Quirk, Deputy Lord Mayor, wrote to you on my behalf in June 2010 about this matter. I note that the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) continues to object to a long-term footpath closure along this section of Stanley Street.

I acknowledge CBD BUG's ongoing concerns for the safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists in this area, and I maintain my commitment to ensuring the safety of pedestrians and cyclists remains Council's highest priority.

As you may be aware, the original application for a Footpath Closure Permit was refused. Council is obliged to assess any application that is lodged, and as such a second application seeking to close the footpath has now been submitted by the Abigroup. This second application is still being assessed by the Development Assessment South Team, and for this reason, I am unable to comment in any detail or pre-empt what the outcome of this assessment will be. However, I have passed your letter to the Development Assessment South Team so that they are aware of the additional concerns you have raised.

I can assure you that Council takes its obligation for ensuring public safety seriously and considers all options carefully when assessing Footpath Closure Permits, including the required duration and management of any closures.

If you have any further concerns about this matter, please contact Mr Adam Rigby, Senior Urban Planner, Development Assessment South Team on 3403 8888.

Thank you once again for contacting me with your concerns.

Yours sincerely


Campbell Newman
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