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Dear Mr French

I refer to your letter of 18 June 2009 regarding the Queensland Government's plans for future pedestrian/cycle bridges spanning the Brisbane River.

The three pedestrian/cycle bridges you have mentioned were identified in the 'Smart Cities: rethinking the city centre report' prepared by the Smart State Council in 2007. A copy of the report can be accessed from the following website:

http://www.smartstate.qld.gov.au/resources/publications/ss_council/Smart_Cities_rethinking_city_centre.pdf. The Smart State Council is an external advisory body established to investigate impediments and opportunities influencing Queensland's transition to a Smart State. The views expressed in the Smart Cities report are those of the Smart State Council and do not represent Queensland Government policy.

Following public consultation of the Smart Cities report, the Queensland Government indicated general support for the strategies identified in the report, however proposed an alternative approach including the development of a single integrated plan for the Brisbane CBD.

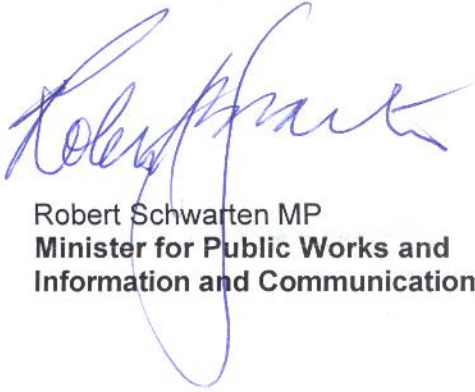
I note the Department of Infrastructure and Planning and the Brisbane City Council are working cooperatively to develop a planning blueprint for the Brisbane CBD and its immediate surrounds. The blueprint will have a 20 year planning horizon, although a 50 year planning period will be considered for major infrastructure. The primary objective of the plan is to provide a clear strategic direction for land uses including for, economic, social, cultural and infrastructure activities across all levels of government.

I understand that the Department of Infrastructure and Planning's project team is currently investigating a range of issues in aid of developing the plan, including options for the active and public transport networks (eg. roads, dedicated cycle ways and pedestrian footpaths). As such, the detailed information you have requested is not currently available. However, a draft of the planning blueprint is anticipated to be released for public comment in early 2010, prior to finalising the plan in late 2010.

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I trust this information addresses your enquiry. If I can be of assistance with other matters within my portfolio, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Swarten". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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