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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 26 November 2009 requesting changes to improve the safety of cyclists riding along Bridge Street and Dickson Street, Woolloowin.

I understand the attractiveness of these streets for cycling given that they provide an alternative north-south route running parallel to Lutwyche Road between the inner city and northern suburbs. I also acknowledge that these streets have been identified in the Draft Lutwyche Road Corridor Neighbourhood Plan as a future on road cycle path and the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (DTMR) *South East Queensland Principal Cycle Network Plan* (SEQPCNP) as a future principal cycle route.

While I take on board your comments concerning the speed and volume of traffic currently using both Bridge Street and Dickson Street, I should point out that these roads are currently classified as suburban and district access routes respectively under the Brisbane road hierarchy. Roads of these classifications are intended to provide for traffic moving through and within suburbs, and are expected to carry higher numbers of vehicles than other surrounding local streets.

The 60km/h speed limit currently in place is considered appropriate for roads of this nature and was retained, following assessment under the Queensland Government's guidelines, when the 50km/h local speed limit was introduced in March 1999. Given these considerations I am currently unable to support your suggestion to reduce the speed limit on these streets or implement traffic calming measures.

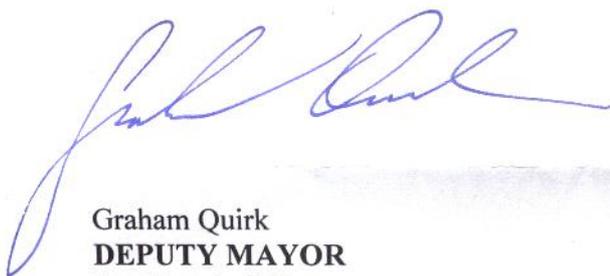
However, I can assure you that improved cycling facilities for these streets are currently part of Council's future plans. The additional road space needed to do this has been identified and is being progressively secured as part of the development application process. As you can appreciate, this is a long term strategy and may take some time.

In the interim, I am pleased to hear that you have developed a good working relationship with Council's Active Transport section regarding identifying opportunities to improve cyclist safety. I have forwarded your concerns and suggestions about specific locations to Mr Simon Banfield, Principal Active Transport Officer from Council's Transport and Traffic Branch.

I am advised by Mr Banfield that in response to your request, Active Transport have arranged for the old style storm water grate near the intersection of Bridge Street and Fraser Street to be replaced with a cycle friendly grate in the first quarter of 2010. The other issues raised in your letter will be investigated by Mr Banfield before your first regular meeting with him on 18 January 2010.

Thank you for taking the time to bring these matters to my attention. May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely



Graham Quirk
DEPUTY MAYOR
For Campbell Newman
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The Lord Mayor is currently away from the office and has asked that I sign on this occasion to avoid further delay.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Improving neighbourhood safety and reducing graffiti | <input type="checkbox"/> Reducing rat-running and speeding in suburban streets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Further increases in road and footpath maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Further increases for maintenance and upgrading of local parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to preserve and protect local bushland and waterways | <input type="checkbox"/> Encouraging sustainable water use for future generations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrading our city's road network to help ease traffic congestion | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

Other Comments:

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Please complete the following details so I can respond to your concerns.

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