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Dear Mr French

Re: Cyclist safety issues

I refer to your concerns regarding cyclist safety issues at the Southern end of the Goodwill Bridge. Cr Helen Abrahams forwarded you correspondence to my office for investigation. I note that you also wrote to the Lord Mayor with your concerns.

I can appreciate that vehicles parking illegally in this area can be frustrating and dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. I understand that a Council officer contacted you to discuss your concerns.

As the officer explained, it is an offence for vehicles to park on the footway or across driveways. In the case of the Maritime Museum driveway, the driveway restriction is well reinforced with no stopping signs installed about one metre either side of the driveway. The signs are clearly visible and define the area as no stopping. As such, I regret that I cannot support your proposal to remove the parking bay at this location.

Parking along this section of the road is a deliberate act of poor driver behaviour which is best addressed through the enforcement of the parking rules. Stanley and Little Dock Streets are also part of the Brisbane Central Traffic Area and both are patrolled daily by Council parking officers.

I have been told that over 50 infringement notices were issued for No Stopping offences in Dock Street last year. Council has instigated patrols to target parking offences in these streets. The shared bikeways and pedestrian paths will also be subject to random patrols to ensure the bike paths are kept clear for cyclists and pedestrians to use. Should you see any illegally parked vehicles, I would urge you to call Council's Contact Centre on 3403 8888 and lodge a complaint. An officer will investigate your concerns and take appropriate action.

I understand that some pedestrians find it more convenient to walk along the bike-only path from Vulture Street to the riverside pathway and Goodwill Bridge. This

route is shorter than taking the main pedestrian pathway to the Goodwill Bridge. However, as you are aware, the shorter route is more hazardous due to vehicle and bicycle traffic. The use of this route by pedestrians is also not in accordance with the Road Rules for separated paths, which states that cyclists and pedestrians are to use the side of the path that is designated to them.

The point at which the bike and pedestrian pathways meet the Vulture Street footpath will be further investigated to see if any spot treatment improvements would be effective. Vulture Street is listed in the Bicycle Brisbane Plan as a preliminary bikeway and cycling facilities will be incorporated into any future road upgrade or intersection upgrades in the future.

Council is aware of the conflict issues occurring at these locations and has previously installed signs to address these issues. These signs included:

- Directional signs for pedestrians coming off the Goodwill Bridge to use the pedestrian only path across Dock Street, in order to access Vulture Street;
- 'No pedestrian' signs at the bikeway intersection with Little Dock Street;
- A 'bicycle only' sign at the entrance of the bike-only path at the bottom of Little Dock Street to discourage pedestrians from walking along the bike-only path.

Your request for additional signage is being further investigated and signs will be erected where appropriate following this investigation.

Council does not have ownership and jurisdiction over the main pedestrian pathway that includes the bougainvillea arbour and bike-only path from Vulture Street. However, Council will liaise with the South Bank Corporation to seek improvements in pedestrian and cyclist safety in this area. Your suggestion of acquiring land from Griffith University is a matter for the South Bank Corporation and this issue will also be raised with them.

Thank you for raising these issues with me. I appreciate the ongoing input that the CBD BUG provides to assist Council in making Brisbane's bikeways and shared pathways safer and I trust the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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