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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 22 March 2010 about cyclist infrastructure in City Centre Master Plan projects.

I appreciate your support of the City Centre Master Plan and can understand your concerns about on-road cycle facilities not being included as part of the Queen Street Revitalisation Project. The design has been developed with input from technical experts and key stakeholders on the basis that Queen Street is a low speed environment and is suitable for all modes to share the road space. The footpath widening was a critical part of the design due to the large volume of pedestrians along the street. This is coupled with an increase in public transport use and concentration of public transport nodes within the immediate area, including the popular Queen Street Mall where there are hundreds of thousands of pedestrians daily.

While I note your concerns, construction of this project is underway and the design will not be changed to include on-road cycle lanes in this location. However, other cycle facilities including additional bike racks and seating/rest areas are being provided as a part of the design.

I am extremely supportive of cyclists in our city and hope with Council's new CityCycle hire scheme about to start that there will be a greater use of bikes and more awareness of cyclists. With this in mind, I am confident that a shift in culture will emerge in favour of cycle use. This will be supported by the lowered speed limit of 40 km/hour within key parts of the Central Business District and other cycle facilities being planned and delivered.

I appreciate your input into making our city more cycle-friendly and have advised the City Centre Master Plan team to ensure your organisation is included in the stakeholder consultation process.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention and for your ongoing passion for our city.

Yours sincerely

Campbell Newman
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