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Mr Paul French
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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your email of 9 May 2010 on the long-term footpath closures at Stanley Street, South Brisbane.

I appreciate the concerns of the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group on the impact a closure of three years may have on pedestrians and cyclists in the area. I also note your request for the phasing of construction work to minimise the time the footpath is closed.

As you would appreciate, the Queensland Children's Hospital (QCH) is a significant project for both our city and Queensland. I have been advised that a Footpath Closure Permit application has not been lodged with Council. However, I understand that Abigroup is intending to lodge an application for the construction period.

I can assure you that in assessing an application for any footpath closure, a primary consideration is that pedestrian and cyclist safety be maintained within the immediate vicinity of the site during construction. Consideration is also given to workplace health and safety including whether there are any alternatives to the closure, loading and unloading of construction materials on site and how long the closure is required.

I have passed your letter to the Assessment Team so the issues you have raised can be considered when assessing a lodged Footpath Closure Permit application.

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

Thank you again for contacting me with your concerns.

Yours sincerely

Graham Quirk
DEPUTY MAYOR
For Campbell Newman
LORD MAYOR

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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