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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 11 October 2011 requesting the restoration of cycling on the Inner City Bypass (ICB) in the vicinity of its connections to the Clem 7 and Airport Link tunnels. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

I understand that Mr John Lee from Council's Transport Planning and Strategy branch, spoke to you on 20 October about your concerns. As discussed with Mr Lee, the change to the signage is due to the connection of the ICB access ramps to the Clem 7 Tunnel, which has been made as part of the construction of the Airport Link. Under the *Transport Infrastructure (State-controlled Roads) Regulation 2006*, the State Government has the power to prohibit a particular type of traffic on a motorway.

It is unfortunate that some motorists have been displaying aggressive behaviour towards cyclists who have legitimately been using the ICB up until now. However, various construction projects have required the placement of concrete safety barriers along sections of the ICB and this has naturally reduced the width of shoulders often used by cyclists. These barriers are necessary to provide safety for all road users and construction workers.

You mention that assurances were given to your organisation regarding the reinstatement of cycling facilities and access to the ICB once the Clem 7 Tunnel was completed. However, as the ICB will eventually form the connection between both the Airport Link and Legacy Way, it will be upgraded to motorway status and, as such, will not permit cyclists. I apologise for the impact of this change and any inconvenience the previous information that was given has caused.

Despite this, alternate facilities for cyclists are currently available. Cyclists are able to access the Enoggera Creek Bikeway on the western side of Lutwyche Road from Victoria Street or Northey Street and ride to Herston Road to access the Victoria Park Bikeway to Kelvin Grove or the city.

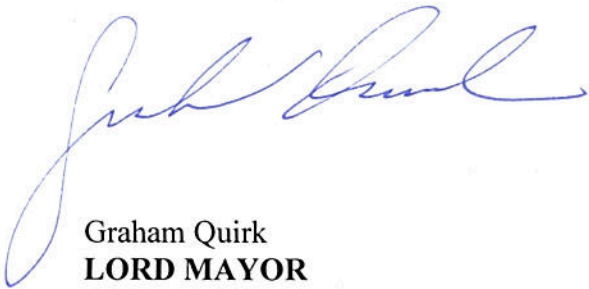
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In addition, three future projects are planned which will provide off-road pathways for cyclists. The previous pathway through Mann Park at Windsor which was closed for construction of the Airport Link will be enhanced and reinstated to a better condition than previously existed and there will be an off-road connection to Campbell Street and O'Connell Terrace. Cyclists can then access the Victoria Park Bikeway across Bowen Bridge Road. For further information on these projects, please contact the Department of Traffic and Main Roads Call Centre on 3834 2011.

You will also be aware that Council has committed \$100 million to expand and link the cycle network across the city. This will provide for further cycling improvements across the city, such as the Bicentennial Bikeway.

I trust that this information assists you and your fellow commuting members of the CBD BUG. Should you wish to discuss this information further, please phone Mr Lee on 3403 8888.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Graham Quirk', written in a cursive style.

Graham Quirk
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