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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 23 August 2011 with suggestions for the replacement of Riverwalk.

I appreciate your input and I am grateful for the time you have taken to provide feedback on behalf of CBD BUG. I understand that a member of the Project Team spoke with you on 6 September to discuss this matter further. As you are aware, the project is currently in the concept development phase, meaning that Council is gathering feedback from local residents and the community about the five proposed design concepts.

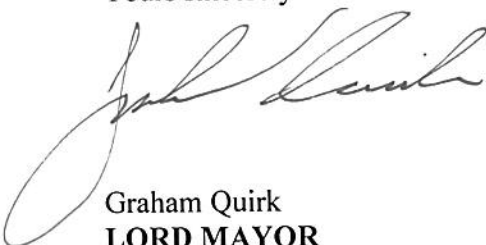
I note the CBD BUG's preference for a segregated path and I can assure you that Council will review whether segregating the path into pedestrian and cycle sections is appropriate, based on traffic volumes. It is acknowledged that a large number of cyclists using Riverwalk were commuters and Council will certainly take this into consideration when choosing a design.

With regard to your comment on the clear lines of sight, it is important to note the pathway will be designed in accordance with Austroads Guidelines, which includes guidance on sight distance.

If a fixed structure is selected as the preferred option, I am told that Council will design the Riverwalk to sit above the high tide mark. It will also be constructed to be resilient to flood events similar to the January 2011 flood. However, it should be noted that the January flood would have been above the level of a fixed walkway and the section of Riverwalk through Howard Smith Wharves was inundated in January.

When selecting a preferred design, community feedback will be considered, along with factors such as cost, cost of maintenance, environment, constructability and flood impacts. I hope to announce a preferred design by late 2011. Following this announcement, Council will progress with preliminary and detailed design in 2012 with construction expected to start in early 2013. If you have any further questions, please call the Project Information Line on 1800 010 705 or email riverwalk@brisbane.qld.gov.au. Once again, thank you for taking the time to contact me with your feedback.

Yours sincerely



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