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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 11 February 2011 concerning the rebuilding of Riverwalk at New Farm.

This city faces a huge job to replace the critical infrastructure that has been damaged in the recent flooding. While I support the rebuilding of Riverwalk, the message that people are giving me is that they want Council to concentrate on other important infrastructure such as roads, parks and the ferry network first. That's what we are going to do.

Having said that, Council will be lodging a claim with the Federal Government for disaster relief funding to cover the cost of replacing the damaged section of Riverwalk. However, if funding is not provided we will not be in a position to proceed with the repairs.

I would ask for your assistance in lobbying the Federal Government to ensure we get the money we need to rebuild the city's critical infrastructure. I have already written to Brisbane's Federal MPs to make it clear that Brisbane won't accept being short-changed and I would ask that you also use any contacts you have in the Federal Government to help me get this message across.

Thank you for taking the time to contact me about Council's efforts to restore Brisbane's cycling infrastructure.

Yours sincerely

Campbell Newman LORD MAYOR

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