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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 26 March 2013 seeking implementation of a free of charge cross-river ferry service for cyclists between Norman Park and New Farm, and between Bulimba and Teneriffe.

The decision to implement a free ferry service for cyclists lies within the Queensland Government's Department of Main Roads – TransLink Division, as they are the authority that governs fares and manages revenue for public transport services. Therefore, I have forwarded a copy of your correspondence to Mr Matt Longland, Acting Deputy Director-General for Translink, and requested he respond directly to you on this matter.

I acknowledge your comment in relation to Council's CityHopper ferry service and can advise that the decision to remove fares was intended to encourage greater use of the existing service and to help boost economic activity in the inner city area by encouraging new travel.

I understand the idea of a free cross-river ferry service for cyclists has been made by yourself and a number of other members of the CBD BUG at a workshop held in February, as part of consultation on two new commuter corridors planned to connect the CBD to Wynnum/Manly and the CBD to Carindale. As you are aware, these commuter corridors are part of the Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane (BB4B) program – my commitment to invest a record \$120 million in cycling infrastructure over four years.

These two corridors have been selected as the first of their kind under the BB4B program, in recognition of the lower cycling numbers within the eastern suburbs of Brisbane, as you have referenced in your letter. Two preferred alignments have been selected for each corridor, with both including a combination of on-road and off-road cycling facilities. The main factor between the two is that the primary routes generally follow the main roads (Wynnum and Old Cleveland Roads) and have been chosen in recognition of the desire of many cyclists for the fastest commuter route. The secondary alignments provide an alternative to using major road corridors in many sections and are suited to those cyclists who would prefer a quieter but potentially longer route.

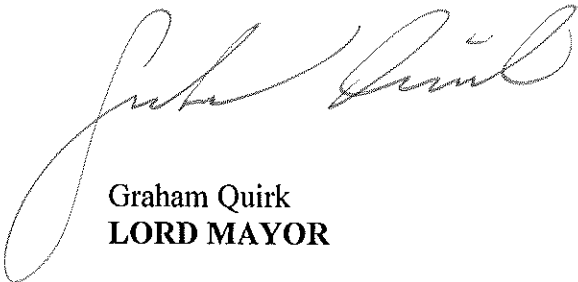
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I acknowledge your concerns about Wynnum Road, in particular, conflict points along the footpath between Canning Bridge and Hawthorne Road, and adjacent to the Balmoral Cemetery. The secondary alignment provides a safe alternative to these sections by removing these conflict points.

If you have any further questions about the commuter bikeway corridor projects, please contact the project team on 1800 884 681 or email [bikewayprojects@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:bikewayprojects@brisbane.qld.gov.au).

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely

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

Graham Quirk  
**LORD MAYOR**

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