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Dear Mr Campbell

Thank you for your letter of 14 November 2014 about cycling access issues to and from the City Botanic Gardens at the intersection of Albert and Alice Streets in the CBD.

I was pleased to hear your positive feedback about the master plan for Albert Street, which is part of my vision to create an even more accessible and inclusive city for residents and visitors. I also value your feedback about improvements that can be made to the cycling network in the meantime.

I appreciate your concerns about cyclists being able to exit the Botanic Gardens at the intersection of Albert and Alice Streets and acknowledge that it is a popular route for cyclists. Your suggestion of a push button that cyclists can use to activate the traffic signals at this location is a good idea.

An officer from Council's Congestion Reduction Unit (CRU) has conducted an investigation and I am pleased to advise that this intersection has been listed for the provision of a push button. While I am unable to provide you with a precise timeframe for this work, I can advise it is currently in the design stage and is expected to be installed in the next financial year.

I also note your comments about the existing 'No Entry – BCC employees only' signage at the entrance to the gardens and appreciate your request for a 'Bicycle Excepted' sign to be installed at this location. I asked Mr Benny Huang from Council's Transport Planning and Strategy branch (TPS) to look into this matter.

Mr Huang agrees that cyclists would benefit from being able to access the gardens at this point with clear permission to do so. Therefore, I am pleased to advise that a 'Bicycle Excepted' sign will be installed next to the existing signage. This is expected to be in place by the end of March 2015.

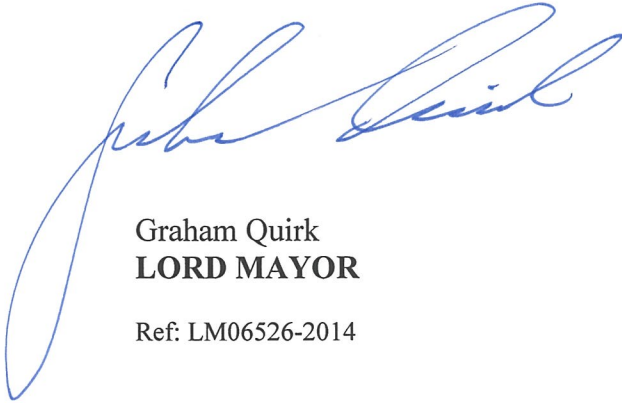
As you have mentioned, one of the 10 city making moves' priority projects in the City Centre Master Plan 2014 is a master plan for Albert Street to get the right balance between business needs, pedestrian and cyclist movement and vehicle traffic along the street. In addition to the work already mentioned, I have forwarded your comments about cyclist access to the Botanic Gardens to Council's Neighbourhood Planning and Urban Renewal team for their consideration as part of the master planning work that is progressing.

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I trust this information is helpful. Should you wish to discuss the master plan further, please contact Ms Alexandra Neary from City Planning and Economic Development branch. For more information about the traffic light activation, please phone Ms Sue MacMinn from CRU or to discuss cycling issues in more detail, please contact Mr Huang. All officers can be reached on 3403 8888.

Thank you for contacting me. May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Graham Quirk', with a large, sweeping flourish on the left side.

Graham Quirk  
**LORD MAYOR**

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