

Our ref: MC77659

Office of the
Director-General

02 SEP 2014

Department of
Transport and Main Roads

Dr Richard Bean
Co-convenor
Brisbane CBD BUG
GPO Box 2104
Brisbane Qld 4001

Dear Dr Bean

I refer to your letter to Brisbane City Council (BCC), about bicycle path priority on side streets. Your correspondence was referred to the Honourable Scott Emerson MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, for consideration and response. The Minister has asked that I respond on his behalf.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) advises that there are no road rule impediments preventing engineering treatments that assign priority to a shared path or bicycle path across a side street. The TMR *Separated Cycleway Guideline* to which you refer shows a variety of methods how bicycle priority can be assigned across a side street under the existing suite of road rules, pavement markings and signs. However, selection and implementation of appropriate engineering treatments for the Archer Street intersection is entirely at the discretion of BCC.

Sharks teeth symbols are not currently used as give-way lines in Australia. TMR controls the Queensland *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD) which largely follows national practice set by Australian Standard 1742. Unless there is compelling evidence that demonstrates sharks teeth perform better than the existing Australian give-way line it's unlikely any change in practice could be justified.

If you wish to discuss this matter any further, I encourage you to contact Mr Mark McDonald, Senior Technologist (Bicycles, Pedestrians and Motorcycles) on 3066 6494.

Yours sincerely



Neil Scales
Director-General
Department of Transport and Main Roads