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Dear Mr Campbell

Thank you for your letter of 11 July 2015 about changes to Edward Street, Brisbane.

I am encouraged by your passion to improve Brisbane's cycling culture. Like you, I want the roads across our city to be safe for all users and I appreciate the time you have taken to contact Council regarding your concerns.

Council is a strong supporter of cycling around our city as a way to ease congestion on our roads and encourage active and healthy life choices. Through our Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane program, we have committed over \$120 million between 2012 and 2016 to build a better commuter network of bikeways that service major employment areas, as well as improving access and safe travel to local shopping strips, schools and public transport hubs.

You may be aware that, over recent years, Council has implemented a number of strategies which have helped to improve cyclist safety within the city. This includes reducing the speed limit across the inner city from 50km/h to 40km/h to create a safer environment for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists, as well as installing Bicycle Awareness Zone (BAZ) symbols along Edward Street to alert motorists that bicycles may be present on the road.

We are certainly aware of the current and strategic importance of Edward Street to all users, including pedestrians and cyclists. In 2014, Council released the City Centre Master Plan (CCMP) which sets the vision and strategic framework to guide a generation of growth in our urban heart. The CCMP identifies Edward Street as part of our 'shared heart' area, which we envisage will be a precinct shared between pedestrians, cyclists, businesses, buses and general vehicles.

The Edward Street Revitalisation capital works project, to be carried out between Queen and Charlotte Streets, will involve widening the western footpath verge to provide for increasing pedestrian movements in this high growth retail area. This expansion will accommodate the renewal and regeneration of the existing parking lane as footpath, effectively reducing Edward Street to two traffic lanes plus the bus lane between Adelaide and Charlotte Streets.

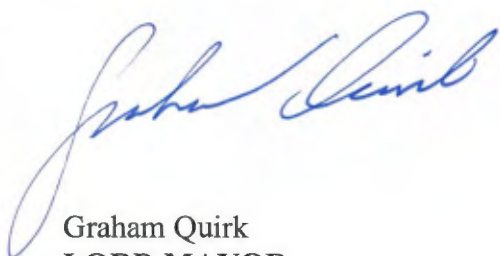
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In conjunction with the Edward Street Revitalisation capital works project, Council is also preparing a vision for Edward Street between Turbot and Alice Streets. I am pleased to hear that you have been contacted by Mr David Eustace from Council's City Planning and Economic Development branch to discuss your ideas and the possible future provision of cycle infrastructure within Edward Street.

If you would like to further discuss the future for cyclists along Edward Street, please contact Mr Eustace on 3403 8888.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely



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