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Dear Mr Campbell

Thank you for your email of 3 January 2017 to the Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games, supporting calls for the Victoria Bridge to be converted into a Green Bridge, and for your detailed proposal for cycling and bus infrastructure on the bridge. The Minister has asked that I respond on his behalf.

Please be assured the Minister is committed to exploring options to determine the future uses of the Victoria Bridge.

I can advise that Minister Hinchliffe has met with Councillor Adrian Schrinner, Deputy Mayor, Brisbane City Council (BCC), about this matter and stated that community consultation and feedback should be a key component of any decision on Victoria Bridge's future. Community engagement will be a matter for BCC to facilitate as roads in the area are under BCC's control. This may provide the best opportunity for your organisation and the broader community to have their say on any proposal.

Minister Hinchliffe has also made it clear to BCC that the proposed closure of Victoria Bridge to private vehicle traffic must be studied to determine the impact that the closure would have on local traffic movements for all users, including cyclists. The Queensland Government has not agreed to the proposal and is awaiting the results of BCC's community consultation and traffic impact analysis.

Regarding your proposal for the Cultural Centre Busway Station, any redesign of the busway station would need to be conducted following the outcome of BCC's community consultation and traffic impact analysis. Any reconfiguration of the busway station will seek to increase the overall capacity of the Victoria Bridge to accommodate future population growth.

Once again, thank you for your detailed proposal for cycling infrastructure on Victoria Bridge.

Yours sincerely

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