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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your email of 17 January 2020 requesting the Edward Street gates of the City Botanic Gardens to be left permanently open. I appreciate you writing to me about this matter.

I can advise that the Edward Street and Albert Street gates to the gardens are closed between 6pm and 6am to prevent unauthorised vehicle access when Council staff are not in attendance. This reduces risks to pedestrians and limits damage to the turf and gardens.

I understand Mr Brian Lowe, Coordinator Parks, Asset Services Central, contacted you on 3 February to explain Council's position and the security reasons as to why the gates cannot be left permanently open. Since this discussion, the option of closing the vehicular gates later was considered and I am happy to tell you they will now be closed at 7pm to assist with the facilitation of pedestrian and cyclist movement during the peak early evening period. If you have any further questions about the new gate closing time, please contact Mr Lowe on 3027 4387.

As you would know, Council is progressing the Kangaroo Point pedestrian bridge, the first of five bridges to be delivered as part of Council's Green Bridges for Brisbane program. The preferred alignment to link Kangaroo Point to the Central Business District is between Scott Street at Kangaroo Point and the Edward Street and Alice Street intersection, near the City Botanic Gardens. As part of the development of the bridge design, Council will investigate walking and cycling connections to the City Botanic Gardens and Botanic Gardens Riverwalk, including the existing gates at the intersection of Edward and Alice Street.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Schrinner  
**LORD MAYOR**

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