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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your email of 15 February 2020 about the closure of the Frederick Street bridge in Alderley.

I acknowledge that the Frederick Street bridge provided pedestrian and cyclist connectivity for the Alderley community and formed an important part of the wider Brisbane cycling network. The Honourable Dr Anthony Lynham MP, Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, has been a strong advocate to ensure the bridge is replaced.

Queensland Rail had been closely monitoring the condition of the 100-year-old timber bridge since 2012, undertaking maintenance where practicable, and introducing restrictions to ensure it remained available for community use for as long as safely possible.

Unfortunately, due to unexpected rates of deterioration identified in late-2019, it was necessary to close the bridge on 31 January 2020, to prioritise the safety of all. It was subsequently removed on the weekend of 18 April 2020. While Queensland Rail did not wish to inconvenience the community, the safety of cyclists, pedestrians, rail customers and the community was, and remains, Queensland Rail's highest priority.

Acknowledging the connectivity that this bridge provided the community and cycling network, I am very pleased to advise you and your members that prior to its removal, Queensland Rail had commenced planning for a replacement bridge to re-establish this active transport corridor at Alderley.

Queensland Rail has held initial discussions with Brisbane City Council (BCC) and will continue working collaboratively with BCC to progress this planning and deliver a replacement pedestrian and cyclist bridge.

I look forward to providing you and the Brisbane CBD Bicycle User Group further detail about the replacement bridge in due course.

Yours sincerely

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MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads