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CC: Councillor Ryan Murphy and Active Transport Advisory Council Members

Dear Adrian,

Lack of Action on Viola Place to Schneider Road Bikeway

I am writing to you to express my disappointment in the lack of action progressing the Viola Place to Schneider Road Bikeway.

This project has been discussed since 2013, and its lack of progress has been raised to me several times by locals and members of the Active Transport Advisory Committee (ATAC).

While I understand there has been considerable correspondence between the Department of Resources, who are responsible for the decision on the gazettal application for the land required for the 600-meter extension, Brisbane City Council (BCC) and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), I am advised this matter has been with BCC since 27 July 2022. On 27 July 2022, the Department of Resources sent BCC a letter outlining the remaining concerns and issues that need to be addressed before any recommendation by the Department of Resources is made under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*.

Further, the Senior Legal Counsel of BCC advised on 25 October 2022, that the matter remains with the City Legal team and a response to the letter would be provided as soon as possible. I am advised that earlier this month, TMR contacted a senior officer in BCC who provided a similar response to what was received in October last year. Still no response has been received.

Despite the matter being with BCC for more than 6 months, no update was provided at the 23 November 2022 ATAC meeting by Council Officers or Councillor Murphy.

This project will fill an important missing link in the Brisbane Active Transport network, and providing the Department of Resources with a response soon, so a decision regarding its gazettal can be made, is necessary. This matter to be resolved promptly.

Thank you for your assistance in resolving this unfortunately long standing matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the page.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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