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Dear Mr Campbell

Thank you for your letter of 25 January 2018 about the Botanic Gardens Riverwalk project. I appreciate you taking the time to bring the concerns of the CBD BUG to my attention and I apologise for the delay in responding to you. I also acknowledge representations made on your behalf by the Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, on 13 April 2018 about this matter.

As you know, Brisbane City Council is planning to upgrade a section of riverwalk from the City Reach Boardwalk at the corner of Alice and Edward Streets to the City Botanic Gardens, with the construction of a separated pathway bridge. The project is part of Council's Better Bikeway 4 Brisbane program, creating dedicated bikeways and travel options with a \$100 million investment.

I note your concerns with the proposed turning alignment identified in a presentation of conceptual options to the Public and Active Transport Committee in May 2017. I can advise the riverwalk alignment has been designed to meet the appropriate standards for this high-volume leisure and commuter connection, including appropriate design speed for users connecting to the Bunya Walk.

The concept alignment presented to the Committee has also been updated with consideration to design criteria, conflict points at the Bunya Walk and City Botanic Gardens entrance, and the project impacts on the lower river path and vegetation of heritage significance in the City Botanic Gardens.

As you are aware, the preliminary design for the Botanic Gardens Riverwalk project was released for community consultation from 12 to 28 February this year. This included an online survey and three information sessions where project team members were available to discuss the project and receive feedback. I am advised the CBD BUG were briefed by the project team on 12 February on the proposed design and to seek further feedback on the project.

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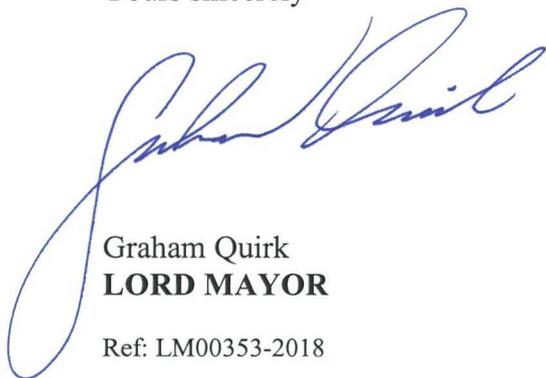
All feedback about the preliminary design will be taken into consideration as part of the detailed design, which is expected to be finalised mid-year.

I also appreciate the concerns you have raised about the potential future Kangaroo Point pedestrian/cycle bridge and why this has not been reflected in the design for this project. I can advise that the design of the Botanic Gardens Riverwalk project has been future-proofed for a potential bridge at this location.

If you have any further questions about the Botanic Gardens Riverwalk project, please do not hesitate in contacting the project team during business hours on 1800 600 163 or by email at bikewayprojects@brisbane.qld.gov.au.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely



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