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Dear Mr Campbell

I refer to your letter to Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for Trade, regarding the Queen's Wharf Brisbane (QWB) development. As these matters fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Honourable Kate Jones MP, Minister for State Development, Tourism and Innovation your correspondence has been forwarded to this office for consideration. The Minister has asked me to respond on her behalf.

Extensive public consultation was undertaken prior to any approvals for the QWB development. Extensive studies were also undertaken to assist in ensuring the development, and particularly any bikeway elements, complemented other development in the area.

Guidance has been sought from relevant national standards and guidelines to deliver a solution which improves the form, function and safety for all users. The feasibility studies to determine the best long-term solutions in and around the precinct and accessibility to Central Business District (CBD) destinations have also been undertaken.

Cycling stakeholder groups, including your own, were consulted during these studies and design and safety improvements suggested were included as a result of that process. This has been publicly acknowledged by Ms Rebecca Randazzo, Chief Executive Officer, Bicycle Queensland.

At the QWB open space opening in October 2019, Ms Randazzo noted that, "this project transforms this part of the Bicentennial Bikeway to a world standard, and it improves the safety and amenity of this space for all users, bike riders, walkers, and early morning exercisers. This is one of the busiest bicycle and pedestrian spaces in Brisbane, and this project has made a dramatic improvement to both its usability and its capacity for growth."

Ms Randazzo's predecessor, Ms Anne Savage, was complementary of Destination Brisbane Consortium (DBC) and its staff for its comprehensive consultation and pro-active engagement on the project.

Input from Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group and other bicycle user groups, has also been sought, welcomed, and invitations to take part in site inspections extended.

This highlights how the Queensland Government, throughout the process, has worked with stakeholders like Brisbane City Council (BCC) and cyclists to ensure that integration with the QWB and the Brisbane Metro project is seamless.

DBC has ensured that through the demolition phase, and construction of new bikeway sections, temporary bikeway diversions have been, and will be, provided with extensive communications in advance via signage and traffic controllers.

For more than four years, throughout of the development and approvals process, a broad range of stakeholders including BCC, Bicycle Queensland, the Department of Transport and Main Roads, South Bank Corporation, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, the Queensland Heritage Council, the Queensland Urban Design and Places Panel and the Queensland Government Architect have been engaged.

This very exciting development is not just about five and six star hotels and the 50 bars and restaurants it includes, but about 12 football fields of enhanced public open space and a new pedestrian bridge, just hundreds of metres from shared bikeway river crossings at the Goodwill, Victoria and Kurilpa bridges.

The Queensland Government and DBC continue to consult with stakeholders to support safe pedestrian access to the Brisbane River and safe cycling in the precinct and CBD. DBC will continue to work closely with bicycle user groups and other regular users with an interest in the future of the Bicentennial Bikeway.

The Government's clear focus is on providing greater public access to one of Brisbane's greatest assets, the Brisbane River, as well as improving the broader inner-city bike-riding network by enhancing safety and connectivity for bike riders, but also for families walking, jogging and sitting near the great Brisbane River.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Steve Keating, Executive Director, Tourism Development Projects Division, Department of State Development, Tourism and Innovation by telephone on (07) 3565 9405 or via email at steve.keating@ditid.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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