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My dear Lord Mayor

We refer to previous correspondence (LM02957-2015, LM02175-2016) concerning deflection rails ("banana bars") in Brisbane.

In a conversation with Mr Luke Robertson in April and in the subsequent letter we were told that the banana bars near the Riverstage in the Botanic Gardens were to be removed by the end of financial year 2016.<sup>1</sup> The removal of the banana bars in this location was first requested by the BUG on 28 August 2014. This has not occurred.

The initial letter also referred to the urgent need for removing banana bars at Stevens St / Paragon St, Yeronga and the fixing of the lip on the kerb on the north side. This has also not occurred.

Your reply of 26 April 2016 also stated deflection rails would be removed at the following locations.

*near the Riverstage in Brisbane City, at Junction Street, Greenslopes, Lambert Road, Indooroopilly, Wharf Street, Chelmer and Bishop Street, Kelvin Grove. Removal of the deflection rails at these priority sites is anticipated to occur before the end of this financial year (ie 30 June 2016).*

Could you please advise on how this removal program is progressing?

We also noted new deflection rails at the east end of Maggs Street near Taylor Street, Wavell Heights today (pictured). A member observed that the width at the narrowest point seems narrower than ever before. This is very disappointing.

Unfortunately, the message of our previous letters that these are "a safety hazard for path users and limit path capacity" (TMR Technical Note 132), that they are universally detested by path users, and are being actively removed from paths by the Moreton Bay Regional Council does not seem to have got through to Brisbane City Council officers.

Given this information could you please institute a moratorium on their installation while focusing on the removal of those you mentioned? We would also greatly appreciate it if banana bars were not installed on the Bristol Road / Taylor Street path nearby.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cbdbug.org.au/wp-content/uploads/1970/01/0/CBD-BUG-letter-BCC-LM-re-Banana-Bars-20150611.pdf>  
<http://www.cbdbug.org.au/wp-content/uploads/1970/01/0/CBD-BUG-Letter-fr-LM-Banana-Bars-20160426.pdf>  
<http://www.cbdbug.org.au/wp-content/uploads/1970/01/0/CBD-BUG-Letter-fr-BCC-LM-re-Banana-Bars-20150703.pdf>





Yours sincerely

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