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Dear Mr Campbell,

Thank you for your submission to the Coordinator-General regarding the BaT (Bus and Train) project Reference Design and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

As you would be aware, the BaT project's Reference Design and EIS were released on 1 September 2014, followed by a six-week consultation period. During this period, more than 560 submissions on the Reference Design and EIS were received by the Coordinator-General and more than 300 people attended community information sessions or project meetings.

The consultation process provided valuable feedback on the potential impacts and benefits of the BaT project. All feedback received during consultation is currently being considered by the Coordinator-General and will form part of the Coordinator-General's evaluation of the project.

Revised Reference Design

The Queensland Government has recently revised the BaT project's design at the northern portal, better integrating with existing infrastructure, protecting green space in Victoria Park and providing the potential to revitalise the Brisbane Transit Centre precinct.

These changes mean the BaT tunnel would now run as a combined four kilometre tunnel from Dutton Park in the south to Roma Street Station. At Countess Street, the tunnel would split, with buses exiting at the existing Inner Northern Busway and trains exiting further north at Normanby Rail Yard, to join the existing Exhibition Line.

An Assessment Report has been prepared which documents the potential environmental, social and economic benefits and impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Revised Reference Design. It also includes measures for avoiding, managing or mitigating potential impacts of the Revised Reference Design. While the assessment report focuses mainly on project changes proposed in the north of the project, a number of positive outcomes are also outlined for the tunnel south of the project, particularly at Dutton Park, which will see reduced impacts due to less spoil being removed.

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If you would like to find out more about the Revised Reference Design or view the Assessment Report, please visit the project website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/batproject. Additionally, community information sessions are planned at the following times and locations.

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, 3 December 2014	3-6pm	Hotel George Williams The Williams Room (lower ground level) 317-325 George Street, Brisbane
Monday, 8 December 2014	12-3pm	Brisbane Square Library Community Meeting Room 266 George Street, Brisbane

Community and stakeholder feedback on the Revised Reference Design and Assessment Report is welcome and should be provided directly to the BaT project team by phone: 1800 010 875* or email: batproject@tmr.qld.gov.au, by **5pm Friday, 19 December 2014**.

Subject to Queensland Government approval, early construction work could begin on the BaT project in 2015, with major construction starting in 2016. The current plan has the BaT tunnel operational in 2021.

Thank you again for your submission to the Coordinator-General about the BaT project.

Yours sincerely



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