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Dear Dr Bean

Thank you for your email of 30 September 2015 about media reports of my interview on Brisbane 612 ABC Radio.

As you are aware, Council is a strong supporter of cycling to ease congestion and promote an active and healthy lifestyle. We have worked in close partnership with bicycle user groups including the CBD BUG to create a better commuter network of bikeways that service major shopping strips, schools and public transport hubs.

I certainly appreciate your desire to obtain further information about Council's intentions for the funding of future bikeways, in particular Council's reported plans to quadruple funding for bikeways. Unfortunately, it appears that the ABC online news and other outlets misquoted my interview with Brisbane 612 ABC Radio.

While media reports indicated that Council would "quadruple the amount of money on bikeways", what I had said was that Council had "quadrupled the amount of money we're spending on bikeways. We have certainly upped the anti there". My office did make contact with the journalist of the ABC article to ensure that this misquote was corrected. I apologise to you and your members for any inconvenience caused.

I note your comments about the CBD BUG's preference for protected bike lanes as opposed to bicycle awareness zones. As you know, Council installs a number of treatments for bike ways including separated bike lanes and shared pathways. Under the Queensland Road Rules, cyclists may legally ride on the road and in some locations, Council installs bicycle awareness zone road markings to alert motorists that cyclists may be present on the road. That being said, I have asked Council's Transport Planning and Strategy branch to note your comments as part of the design of future bikeway projects.

I am proud of the significant investment that this Council has made in bikeways across our city through the Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane Program. These investments quadruple the spending of past Labor administrations, and are important to the travelling public and deliver the infrastructure for Brisbane's future sustainable growth.

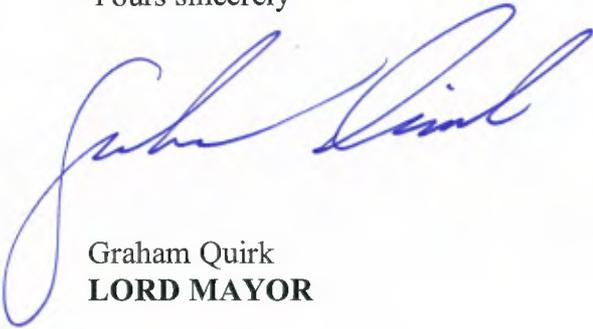
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I can assure you that Council will continue to work in partnership with bicycle user groups, including the CBD BUG to further invest in bicycle infrastructure and grow cycling across our city.

If you would like to discuss Council's investment in bikeway infrastructure in more detail, please contact Mr Lindsay Enright, Manager Strategic Planning, Transport Planning and Strategy branch, on 3403 8888.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely



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