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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 17 July 2009 about the speed limit across the Victoria Bridge. I appreciate your kind words about the 40km/h speed limit recently introduced in the Brisbane Central Business District (CBD).

As you would be aware, Council places a strong emphasis on improving road conditions for cyclists, with \$100 million being dedicated over the next four years to improving cycling infrastructure. I was concerned to read of this anomaly in the speed limit across Victoria Bridge, and asked Council's Transport and Traffic Branch to investigate.

I am told that the Victoria Bridge is classified as an arterial route, which would normally have a speed limit of 60km/h. However, given that the majority of the CBD is now signed 40km/h and Melbourne Street through South Brisbane is signed 50km/h, I agree that the 60km/h speed limit on the bridge is not appropriate.

Newly updated Queensland Government guidelines permit the introduction of 40km/h speed limits in areas like the CBD and Fortitude Valley entertainment precinct. However, the guidelines unfortunately do not apply to the Victoria Bridge. In light of this, Council will reduce the speed limit on the bridge to 50km/h. New signs will be installed by the end of September 2009.

Thank you for taking the time to contact me with your concerns.

Yours sincerely

Campbell Newman  
LORD MAYOR

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