



**Hon Simon Finn MP**  
Member for Yeerongpilly



**Queensland  
Government**

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**Minister for Government Services  
Building Industry and Information  
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Mr N Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 16 November 2011 regarding petition No. 1769-11 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on behalf of Dr Mark Robinson MP, Member for Cleveland, requesting that the House extend the shade along the entire width and length of the Goodwill Bridge, where possible.

The Goodwill Bridge was Brisbane's first dedicated cross river pedestrian bridge and the design is the result of an architectural competition. The bridge design incorporates a lightweight canopy structure at intervals, providing some shade to the deck, and encompasses visually different sections to enliven the journey for users and offering rest points for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Goodwill Bridge has already become a Brisbane icon and was even nominated for Queensland Heritage listing. Not only has it become a popular route for the public to cross the river, it has been a preferred viewing platform for festival activities focused on the river. Its utility for fireworks and air displays would be considerably reduced should it be fully covered by shade structures.

Over 50 000 pedestrians and cyclists utilise the bridge each week. While the number of signatures to this petition indicates that there is a small desire for additional shade on the bridge, it also indicates that generally the public is satisfied with the current situation.

I am satisfied that the considerable expense required to engage architects and engineers to consider the structural, wind loading and aesthetic factors in designing increased shading to the bridge cannot be currently justified.

I trust this information addresses the matter raised in the petition.

Yours sincerely

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