



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PET 28363

Your ref: A366629

17 October 2018

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 3011-18 and 2996-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 18 September 2018 about changes to the Woolloongabba Bikeway design.

The Woolloongabba Bikeway is a Brisbane City Council (BCC) project, which has impacts on the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) controlled left-turn access from Stanley Street onto the Pacific Motorway.

Initially, TMR officers did not object to the permanent closure of the left-turn access. However, this decision was made without consulting with my office. After learning that approximately 2000 vehicles per day use this left-turn access and listening to further community feedback, I advised BCC that the original proposed design was no longer supported. The project continues to have the support of the government, recognising its importance for the community, and TMR and BCC continue to work collaboratively on details of the final arrangement.

On 20 July 2018, TMR and BCC officers met to discuss an alternative arrangement. On 26 July 2018, BCC wrote to TMR confirming the proposal of a shared through and left-turn lane on Stanley Street providing left-turn access onto the Pacific Motorway. This arrangement involves separated cycle and pedestrian crossings across the motorway on-ramp from Stanley Street, under full signal protection; significantly increasing safety for vulnerable road users over the current road design. The slip lane would still be closed, and the existing afternoon left-turn access ban would remain in place with this design change.

On 14 August 2018, TMR wrote to BCC outlining it had no objection to this design, subject to BCC undertaking further consultation including with the locally elected representatives, various bicycle groups and RACQ. I understand that final details of the crossing design are still being developed by BCC, which among other considerations should take into account feedback from BCC's consultation.

The proposed, revised design improves safety for cyclists while maintaining access for local motorists to the motorway. I acknowledge the work of bicycle groups on the original design and wish to make clear my personal commitment to protect vulnerable road users and improve Queensland's bicycle infrastructure.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right and then loops back down to the left.

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