



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads Minister for Digital Services

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3918-23, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 12 September 2023 about the timber pedestrian bridge between Gregory Terrace and Victoria Park.

The old timber bridge over the rail line at Normanby was closed in September 2022 following safety concerns being raised by Brisbane City Council (BCC). A safety review found changes to surface rail and associated overhead electrical infrastructure—to be installed in the rail corridor as part of the Cross River Rail project—introduced new safety risks in the future for pedestrians crossing over the live rail network.

Monitoring of the pedestrian bridge use found that it was not a major thoroughfare for the wider community, especially compared with the land bridge further along the Victoria Park corridor.

Given the potential safety risks, low community pedestrian usage, and the fact both the timber and adjacent BCC steel section of the bridge do not meet modern accessibility standards, the decision was made to decommission the timber section of the bridge over the rail corridor, and it was removed in June 2023.

The assessment of the adequacy of pathways servicing people walking, cycling and using personal mobility devices to and from Victoria Park / Barrambin is a matter for BCC, as is the provision of new infrastructure. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has previously advised BCC that it would be pleased to collaborate with BCC as they plan for the delivery of the broader Victoria Park / Barrambin development, including the planning of improvements to the active transport network in the area, as the petitioners have requested.

Through the Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program (CNLGG), TMR provides matched grant funding to eligible local governments, including BCC, for the delivery of best practice, high quality, and safe bike riding infrastructure on high priority principal cycle network routes across Queensland.

The CNLGG program is developed on an annual basis, and TMR would welcome an application for funding from BCC to plan for this connection as part of the next round of funding that will open in October 2023.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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**MARK BAILEY MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**  
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