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29 October 2008

The Hon Paul Lucas MP  
Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning  
PO Box 15009,  
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Dear Minister,

I write regarding the Tank Street Cycle and Pedestrian Bridge which is currently under construction by the State Government.

As you would be aware, during the design phase of the Tank Street Bridge project, Brisbane City Council strongly requested an exclusive connection from the Bridge to the Bicentennial Bikeway. Council has a firm view that the Tank Street Bridge needs to be a connected part of Brisbane's bicycle network to ensure it encourages greater commuter and recreational cycling usage.

Unfortunately however, this connection was deleted from the final design of the project. Council has since been advised that the State Government considers its project scope to extend only so far as the bridge landing at the western end of Tank Street. The practical result of this decision is that there are currently no plans to include any formalised connection from the Bridge to the existing bikeway network or even for facilities along the length of Tank Street. This will result in pedestrians and cyclists landing on Tank Street with no facilities to continue their journey.

The State Government has requested Council provide the missing connections between the bridge landing and the existing bikeway network on Roma and Turbot Street. Council has costed these works at \$434,201.85 including a signalised intersection at the corner of Tank and George Street, civil works and signs and pavement markings.

Council does not believe that Brisbane ratepayers should bear the cost for these works when they are obviously integral to the project scope of the State Governments Tank Street Bridge Project. Furthermore, having rejected the suggestion to link the bridge to the existing bikeway network as part of the design phase, it is not appropriate for the State Government to expect this cost to be borne by Council.

Council is willing to partner with the State Government to complete these works by lending its design and construct expertise on the basis that the State Government commit to the full cost of the work as part of the project scope of the Tank Street Bridge.

I trust that we can work together to achieve an acceptable solution for Brisbane cyclists, pedestrians and Council.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane P." with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Cr Jane Prentice  
**Chairman of Public and Active Transport and Economic Development  
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Hon Paul Lucas MP



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Councillor Jane Prentice  
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Dear Councillor

The Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, has asked me to thank you for your letter of 29 October 2008 about the Tank Street Bridge.

As this issue falls within the responsibilities of the Honourable Robert Swarten MP, Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology, I have forwarded a copy of your letter to his office for his consideration and direct reply to you.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Burgess Stephenson  
Acting Senior Policy Advisor  
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Information and Communication Technology  
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Dear Mr Stephenson

I refer to a letter of 28 October 2008 to the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, from Cr Prentice about the Tank Street Bridge.

As this issue falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Honourable Robert Schwarten MP, Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology, I have enclosed a copy of Cr Prentice's letter for his consideration.

Yours sincerely

  
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**MEMORANDUM**

To: **Jude Munro, Chief Executive Officer** Date: **9/3/2007**

Attn:

CC: **Cr David Hinchliffe, Deputy Mayor**  
**Cr Carol Cashman, Councillor for Bracken Ridge**  
**Terry Hogan, Divisional Manager City Policy and Strategy**

From: **Michael Papageorgiou, Manager City Planning**

Re: **Tank Street Bridge**

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Dear Jude

I refer to your query of the 25 January for an update on the Tank Street Bridge following correspondence to you from Mal Gierson, Director-General Public Works.

Council officers met with Jeff Griffin and Allan McDonald of Public Works in meetings in June last year to review the State's proposed alignment for the Tank Street Bridge. Coordinated Council feedback on a wide range of issues from the scope of works to the impact on Kurilpa Point was given to Public Works. The document you received as the State's preferred alignment largely reflects this feedback, however, Council officers still believe that some concerns are not yet addressed and a summary of these is attached.

Since that consultation, I have participated in the assessment panel for the bridge tenderers and am pleased to advise that an announcement on the successful scheme was made on 6 March.

*Michael Papageorgiou*

Michael Papageorgiou  
Manager City Planning

Sharon

(J) Sent cc to Anna Blyth & Helen Ab.

Maria

+ Mark B.

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<b>Tank Street Bridge Summary of Issues</b>		
	<b>Meg Northcott</b> Active Transport	1) Pedestrian/cyclist separation isn't achieved and is likely to lead to conflicts. Eleanor Schonell Bridge is the preferred kind of configuration. This conflict occurs in Tank St and should be considered carefully.
		2) Cross sections indicate a straight railing which is less than ideal for cyclists. An inclined railing in line with Austroads Part 14 is preferred.
		3) Connections from North Quay to the bridge and Bicentennial bikeway require more detail, including the connection to the new Cycle Centre.
	<b>John Macpherson,</b> Community Development Services	1) Concern about the long grade of the bridge and the lack of landings and seating.
		2) There is a designated PWD parking space on Tank St that needs to be maintained or relocated in the vicinity.
		3) Shade and amenity needs to be considered as per the Goodwill Bridge.
	<b>Michael Lockwood</b> City Life	1) City Life is concerned about the erosion of the Kurilpa Point park, particularly in light of the Peel St Structure Plan and the need for Park amenity in this area.
		2) Bridge design should reflect indigenous cultural aspects of Kurilpa Point and its history.
		3) A view analysis should be provided.
		4) Detail design and landscaping needs to consider CPTED, lighting, amenity, sightlines and public infrastructure as well as the pedestrian/cycle interface at the exit entry points for the bridge.
	<b>Lyndal Plant</b> NES	1) Concern about the proximity and impacts on the figs at Kurilpa Point landing. Trees should be bonded in the contract to protect them during construction.
		2) Documentation needs to include accurate survey information of tree positions, levels and structural footings, proposed fill and canopy conditions.
		3) Impact on trees for any cycle access ramp at North Quay.
		4) Need to provide information on shade provision for bridge.
	<b>Vic Nash</b> Network Road Use Management	1) Concerns about bridge clearances and vehicles in Tank St, particularly for the Federal Law Courts access.
		2) 5.5m is the preferred clearance over existing roads but 5.1m may be acceptable.

		3) Pedestrian/cycle and vehicle conflicts at the landing of the bridge in Tank St
	<b>John Campbell</b> Senior Transport Planner	1) Tank St is used by Brisbane Transport as a holding area for a number of services finishing or starting their runs there.

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