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Kath Kayrooz  
By email: [kkayr2@eq.edu.au](mailto:kkayr2@eq.edu.au)

### **Re: Pedestrian and Bike Access Between Vera Street and Oakman Park via QASMT**

Dear Kath,

I have recently been contacted by a constituent about access to the pedestrian and bike path that runs adjacent to Toowong Creek at the Queensland Academy of Science Maths and Technology (QASMT) and provides access between Vera Street and Oakman Park. As I saw during my most recent visit, temporary fencing has been installed alongside the creek while refurbishment of the northernmost building is completed, and I'm advised that public access to Vera St and along the creek more generally has been restricted over the past few months.

The path provides a valuable, low gradient route for bicycle and pedestrian commuters to the University of Queensland (UQ), Brisbane Boys' College and Indooroopilly High School, including staff and students. I understand the closure of this route necessitates a rather significant detour (approximately 3km for cyclists to take the safest possible route towards UQ via the Milton Road bike path, Sylvan Road and the Coronation Street bike path). As you're aware, the Toowong Creek valley is hemmed in by very steep streets (notably Bywong St, Gower St and Camp St) which make them practically impossible to ride on, and alternative routes place cyclists on dangerously busy streets.

Given the great value of this route to and bicycle users and pedestrians, I'm hoping you might be able to share any additional information you have about future access along the creek adjacent to QASMT, and details of if and when any recent access restrictions are likely to be lifted.

Additionally, can you please advise what plans, if any, are being pursued to improve bicycle access along the creek as part of the proposed expansion at QASMT?

As always, I very much appreciate your help in understanding (and helping the community better understand) current and future goings-on at QASMT. Please feel free to contact my office on 07 3737 4100 if any of the details above are unclear or you would prefer to discuss this matter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Berkman', written in a cursive style.

Michael Berkman MP

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