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*For Maiwar* ▲

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Cr Adrian Schrinner  
Lord Mayor of Brisbane  
By email: [lordmayor@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:lordmayor@brisbane.qld.gov.au)

### **Walter Taylor bridge duplication - feasibility study**

Dear Lord Mayor,

I am writing to you following the recent media about Brisbane City Council conducting a feasibility study into a second Walter Taylor Bridge. Given the impact this project would have on constituents in the Maiwar electorate, I'd like to clarify a few details of this study as soon as possible.

1. Can you please confirm whether there will be a feasibility study for the duplication of the Walter Taylor Bridge and, if so, what will the start and end date be?
2. What would the scope of a feasibility study be, and what are Council's plans for community consultation?

From my conversations with residents, I know there is strong resistance to this project. While many Maiwar locals are fed up with traffic and congestion issues that plague the area, building new roads rarely eases congestion. I'm concerned that instead of relieving traffic in the area, another bridge would simply shift the bottleneck further up the road, feeding traffic right back into the heavily congested Coonan St and onto the Indooroopilly roundabout.

In light of that, along with any feasibility study I would also like to see Council pursue a full traffic investigation for the west-side to identify choke-points that contribute to the bridge congestion.

Further, I would urge you to ensure that any feasibility study considers alternative projects to ease congestion in this area, by investing in alternative modes of transport that are actually proven to reduce congestion. In particular I'd propose your investigations look into:

- Increasing the frequency of feeder busses in Indooroopilly;
- Expanding the CityCat route further up the river past the University of Queensland;
- Removing the TOLL from the Legacy Tunnel to relieve traffic along Moggill Rd, Coronation Drive and Milton Rd;
- Building a dedicated bicycle lane between Toowong and Indooroopilly; and
- Reopening the Tennyson train line for passengers.

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I would very much appreciate a briefing from your office or the relevant BCC team to discuss the current state of any current or planned investigations into the potential duplication of the Walter Taylor Bridge, and for my office being to be kept up to date on any progress Council makes on this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office on 07 3737 4100 to arrange a briefing or if you would like to discuss this matter in more detail.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Berkman', with a stylized, cursive script.

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