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Mr Michael Berkman MP
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Dear Mr Berkman *Michael*

Thank you for your letter of 30 March 2021 about the proposed feasibility study into a potential future duplication of the Walter Taylor Bridge.

As you are no doubt aware, Council and the Federal Government worked together to ensure the Witton Barracks was preserved as parkland and a potential future transport corridor to facilitate a new bridge when the current bridge reaches the end of its serviceable life in the future. Any consideration of future transport requirements in this area will necessitate substantial engineering and community input to determine the suitability and feasibility of options. This is a significant factor in the viability of a future project.

Council officers are currently preparing a cost estimate to deliver a feasibility study, which will be considered for inclusion in the 2021/22 Council budget. This work includes a review of previously undertaken investigations. Further work would be undertaken once funding is allocated through a Council budget process and the study would include community input.

I know this is a project which your State colleague, the Minister for Transport and Main Roads, is very supportive of and I would suggest you take the time to share your views on this potential project with him also.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Schinner
LORD MAYOR

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