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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 31 October 2008 supporting my proposal to reduce the speed limit in the Central Business District (CBD) to 40km/h. I appreciate your feedback.

As you may be aware, there have been numerous incidents recently involving pedestrians at locations throughout the CBD. Many of the incidents have resulted from pedestrians crossing at inappropriate locations or against red 'Don't Walk' signals. While it may be difficult to prevent many of these incidents, I am committed to implementing strategies to reduce their impact.

Council's Traffic and Transport Branch has undertaken pedestrian awareness campaigns and the Queensland Police Service frequently conducts jaywalking enforcement at many of the city's major intersections. Despite these initiatives, however, many pedestrians continue to cross illegally or at inappropriate locations. While a reduction of the speed limit may not prevent all accidents from occurring, it will reduce their severity, creating a safer environment for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.

I am also encouraged by the recent success of the King George Square Cycle Centre and am looking forward to the implementation of our Community Bike Hire Scheme and the changes to travel behaviour this will promote within the CBD.

There are many challenges involved when undertaking large scale changes to the transport network. Council sets speed limits in compliance with Queensland Government guidelines, which seek to establish limits that the majority of drivers will comply with.

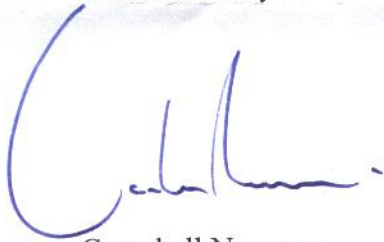
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To ensure that the reduced speed limits have the desired effect on driver behaviour, the Queensland Police Service has advised that they will undertake enforcement activities within the CBD on a regular basis. Council will monitor the reduction of the speed limit to measure the expected outcomes.

I appreciate your suggestion to extend the implementation of 40km/h speed limits to include Ann and Turbot Streets. The standards in the Queensland Government guidelines limit Council's ability to apply the reduction to these streets. While this is the case, however, the proposal is currently in a consultation phase and your support and comments will be considered in detail, along with the many other excellent responses that have been received so far.

Thank you for taking the time to provide me with your feedback and suggestions. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely



Campbell Newman  
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I should also point out that my understanding of the GPS position is that the speed limit on Ann & Turbot streets shouldn't be dropped to 40kmh.