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Mr Paul Murdoch
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Dear Mr Murdoch

I write in relation to your letter dated 16 May 2006 concerning the creation of bicycle lanes on the William Jolly Bridge as part of the Hale Street Link project.

The Hale Street Link project gives us an opportunity to address serious safety issues on the William Jolly Bridge, namely the narrow lane widths and the poor pedestrian and cycling facilities. My opponents, including those in the Labor Party, see improvements on the bridge as funnelling and do not support the change.

Let me be blunt and say that the only way bicycle lanes will ever be installed on the William Jolly Bridge is if the Hale Street Bridge is constructed to take some of the traffic load. With the development planned to occur in West End in the coming years there will be a greater demand for vehicular access to the wider traffic network and without the Hale Street Link the William Jolly Bridge will become entrenched as a car only crossing.

I welcome your group's support for my position and would ask that you do whatever you can in the media or otherwise to promote the benefit that these changes will have for the cyclists and motorists of Brisbane.

Yours sincerely

Campbell Newman
LORD MAYOR

*I was concerned that Labor
Councilors politicised this
issue.*

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