

From: <rachaeljacobs@bigpond.com>
Subject: **Re: Letter re replacement Riverwalk**
Date: 23 April 2012 10:44:05 PM AEST
To: convenors@cdbug.org.au

Hello Paul

Thank you so much for emailing. I'm very passionate about this issue, but I apologise that I didn't know a great deal about CBD BUG. I appreciate your advocacy on the issue.

I have been talking about the Riverwalk for some time. I mentioned it in my speech at my campaign launch, and at the subsequent press conference. I speak to people about it regularly on my door knocking adventures. I believe the Riverwalk was a valuable commuter route that was of vital importance to local walkers and cyclers, taking cars off the road. I know this for a fact - I personally know many riders (a lot of them women, and inexperienced riders) who don't feel as confident riding on the road through the city, so in the absence of the Riverwalk have gotten back into buses or taxi cabs when travelling to the city. The Riverwalk was also a point of interest for tourists and visitors - aesthetically pleasing and giving a vibrant feel to our river bank.

I have been appalled by the unnecessary delays that have held up the reconstruction of this valuable piece of infrastructure. There are several other flood projects which have been able to be moved forward with greater priority. It's a great shame that the project will not be started for some many months, and not finished until 2013/14.

If elected I will make this one of my first priorities. I would like council to remove the barriers preventing the speedy commencement of construction. I would also like to see greater transparency for residents to let them know the status of the project and reasons behind the timeline. Many people I speak with are confused as to the process.

Thank you again for the letter. I apologise that I have not written formally to you. If you would like me to formulate my views into a more formal letter, akin to the one you sent me, I can do that, but I wanted to respond with my views right away.

If you'd like to speak with me about this issue please don't hesitate to call on 0414 305 600 or feel free to email at any time.

Regards,
Rachael

---- Brisbane CBD BUG <convenors@cdbug.org.au> wrote:
| [Hello Ms Jacobs](#)

Please find attached a letter from the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) regarding the replacement of the former floating Riverwalk.

Yours faithfully

Paul French

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