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17 March 2022

Attention: Peter White
Body Corporate for St James' Estate
50 Boblynne Street
CHAPEL HILL QLD 4069

Via email: stjames4069@gmail.com

Dear Mr White

Further to your email of 10 March 2022 and previous correspondence from Cooper Grace Ward Lawyers, I am writing in response to your request for Brisbane City Council (Council) to enter into an agreement to allow the St James' Estate body corporate (the body corporate) to repair, maintain and secure access and use rights to the pedestrian bridge located in Boblynne Street Park, Chapel Hill.

The *City of Brisbane Act 2010* (the Act) provides the framework within which Council manages public assets, including when exclusive use can be granted to a private entity. In this instance, as the bridge is a public park asset, it is not considered appropriate to grant exclusive use to the body corporate.

The body corporate's offer to be responsible for maintenance of the bridge is appreciated, however as a park asset, it is Council's responsibility to ensure that it is maintained and fit for purpose. Accordingly, based on last month's inspection, in addition to routine maintenance work, minor repairs are to be undertaken shortly.

Council's continued ownership and management of the bridge ensures that the St James' Estate residents will be able to continue to use the bridge as they currently do.

If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Michelle Manning, Team Leader, Park Assets and Governance by telephone on 3403 4666 or by emailing michelle.manning@brisbane.qld.gov.au.

I trust this information clarifies the matter for the body corporate.

Yours sincerely

Nicola Barlow
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