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Dear Councillor,

I write to you regarding the removal of the pedestrian crossing at 355 Queen Street, Brisbane City, Queensland, during COVID times. Refer to Appendix A for pictures before and after removal.

Zebra crossings and other types of pedestrian crossings are an important city feature for providing walkability. According to an ABS Census in 2021, 54% of Brisbane CBD workers travelled to work via public transport, 10% active transport and 36% private transport. People of all transport mode shares benefit from walkability in the CBD as many people walk from stations and car parks to get to their place of work.

This stretch of Queen Street only features two bus routes, routes 156 and 390, one being a rocket bus and the other a normal bus route. Like most of Queen Street, this stretch does not move high volumes of car traffic and not strategically important to the CBD's car network. It moves a moderate volume of pedestrians, especially from the nearby bus stops at Creek Street, Adelaide Street and Eagle Street.

The crossing at 355 Queen Street is located approximately 90 metres from Creek Street and 120 metres from Wharf Street.

The other important and useful pedestrian crossing is the wombat crossing at Post Office Square. This crossing is situated approximately 100 metres from both Edward and Creek Streets.

I believe it is important for Brisbane City to protect and add to its pedestrian crossings and provide walkability, which benefits all people.

Other pedestrian crossings and malls must be protected too. If the crossing at 355 Queen Street was removed, why not the crossing at Post Office Square? Why not transition the whole Queen Street Mall back into a roadway for cars to maximise throughput?

The site at 355 Queen Street would be ideal for a zebra crossing, or even better, a wombat crossing, like the site at Post Office Square. Wombat crossings increase visibility of pedestrians, lower casualty rates and reduce vehicle speeds. Refer to Appendix B for a picture of the existing Post Office Square wombat crossing.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Roffey

Appendix A



Figure 1: Zebra crossing at 355 Queen Street, 30 March 2021. Photo from Bing Maps.



Figure 2: 355 Queen Street, circa July 2022. Photo from Google Maps. The old pedestrian crossing is still visible.

Appendix B



Figure 3: Post Office Square pedestrian crossing, circa July 2022. Photo from Google Maps. The “wombat” crossing is flush with the pavement and raised up from the level of the road.