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## **SBBA POSITION ON THE HALE STREET LINK**

Many of you will be aware of an article and related editorial published in the Courier Mail on 18 March which misrepresented the South Bank Business Association's (SBBA) position on the Hale Street Link (HSL) project.

The journalist chose to selectively quote from the SBBA's submission on the project's Terms of Reference and in doing so misrepresented the Association's position on the HSL.

The SBBA position on the HSL was clearly articulated to the Brisbane City Council (BCC) consultation team on 9 March, and since publication of the article the SBBA's position on the HSL has been reiterated to the BCC, in particular the Lord Mayor.

In brief, our position on the HSL is:

- Option 3 for the southern approach to the HSL is the favoured option
- Proposed traffic management changes must consider the full repercussions of this option particularly on access for local businesses
- Organisations and businesses impacted by the consequential changes to the road network must be either compensated or the full cost of such changes included in the HSL project budget
- Improved pedestrian amenity and cycle access on the William Jolly Bridge is supported
- Clarification is sought on the pedestrian and cycle movements for the Coronation Drive options
- Traffic calming and appropriate streetscape improvements for Grey and Peel Streets must be implemented as an integral element of the Option 3 concept; and
- Although it would obviously be preferable for there not to be a toll – if a toll is charged, which the Association acknowledges is the appropriate funding mechanism, it must be at a rate low enough to encourage its use and not act as a deterrent.

This position was formed through independent expert advice and by discussion with all members of the Government Committee and was deemed by SBBA representatives to be reflective of the greater interests of the South Bank Precinct.

Kind regards

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Chair