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Subject: North Bank - Brisbane

Open Letter Re: A North Bank Development Plan That Would Receive Massive Public Support

I believe that a stunning redevelopment of Brisbane's North Bank could be achieved if just one key element of the criteria was changed. The currently criteria includes not using taxpayers' money in the development.

A truly visionary development is possible if taxpayers' money were to be included in the project.

I believe my suggestion would receive massive public support, and:

- Eliminate the greatest source of noise pollution in the inner city.
- Deliver one of the world's truly great public spaces.
- Bring the northern river bank back to the CBD (instead of sitting under a concrete freeway).
- Improve inner city traffic flow.

My suggestion is:

- Build a traffic tunnel under the river to carry the traffic that currently runs over the Captain Cook Bridge, the Southeast Freeway and part of Coronation Drive.
- Demolish the Southeast Freeway (allowing sun to shine on the river bank again).
- Keep the Captain Cook Bridge for pedestrians and bicycles.

Now your development site extends from vulture Street on the south bank, across the Captain Cook Bridge, along the now sunny north bank of the river, and extends along Coronation Drive. Throw some government funding into the mix and I am confident that one of the world's greatest public spaces would be created.

Let's face it; the Southeast Freeway will be demolished in the future. The question is, "will our current political and community leaders be the one's with the vision to do it?"

Regards

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