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Bridge vandalism puts lives at risk

Vandalism of the recently installed temporary fencing on the David Trumpy Bridge is putting pedestrians at risk, Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan and Member for Ipswich West Wayne Wendt said today.

Ms Nolan said Main Roads installed fencing along the pedestrian bridge last month to better separate pedestrians from vehicle traffic.

“Since then, the fencing has been vandalised and several panels removed, posing additional safety problems for pedestrians and increasing the risk of an accident,” Ms Nolan said.

“This is a serious issue, and I urge local residents to report any suspicious activity around the bridge to the police.”

Mr Wendt said Main Roads had made repairs to the fencing, and urged community members to use the footpath and correct crossing facilities.

“The footpath is provided for a reason, and I ask pedestrians and cyclists to use it for their own safety,” he said.

“Safety is our main concern and we are all working together to ensure instances of pedestrian accidents are minimised.”