



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Your ref: Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1903-12 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Mark McArdle MP, Member for Caloundra on 6 June 2012 about a review of Queensland's motorcycle licensing laws. The safety of motorcyclists on Queensland roads has been the topic of significant community interest in recent times, as evidenced by this petition.

The Queensland Government recognises that motorcycle safety is a significant issue. During 2011, there were 45 motorcycle rider and pillion fatalities as a result of crashes within Queensland representing 16.7% of the Queensland road toll, which is 269.

Subsequent to becoming Minister for Transport and Main Roads I have been advocating for a review of the state's motorcycle licensing system. To this end, I sought endorsement from the Honourable Campbell Newman MP, Premier of Queensland for a motion to be moved in the Queensland Parliament referring this issue to a Parliamentary committee for consideration.

On 7 June 2012, a motion was successfully moved with the Queensland Parliament referring the review of motorcycle safety to the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee.

Investigation by this committee will encourage debate on the issue of motorcycle licensing in Queensland including the Q-Ride rider training and assessment program. The committee will be calling for public submissions enabling members of the community, key training and industry groups, motorcycle rider associations and road safety experts to express their opinions on this matter.

The committee has been instructed to report back to the legislative assembly by 31 October 2012 with the outcomes of this review and recommendations for possible future directions for motorcycle safety in Queensland.

Yours sincerely

Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads