



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PET 11691

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2109-13 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Dr Bruce Flegg MP, Member for Moggill on 29 October 2013. The petition requests modifying existing regulations to require that a motorist maintain a minimum safe distance of one point five metres between their vehicle and a cyclist while overtaking, with a 30 metre exemption at intersections to allow for filtering.

I thank the Member for Moggill for representing his community and bringing this important matter to my attention. I am pleased to advise that the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee is conducting an inquiry into issues that relate to the interaction of cyclists and other road users. A minimum passing distance is specifically mentioned in the terms of reference for the Inquiry and is being considered by the Committee. The Committee is scheduled to table the final report on the inquiry on 29 November 2013.

I will consider both the recommendations of the report and petition once the report has been tabled.

Yours sincerely

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