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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3554-21 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 1 September 2021 about parking signs not installed to Australian standards.

The *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* (the Act) requires official traffic control signs to be installed in a manner specified in the *Manual of Traffic Control Devices* (the MUTCD). The Act also delegates authority for the installation of traffic control signs on non-declared roads to local governments. The Department of Transport and Main Roads is not required to approve the installation of signs and does not undertake audits of signs installed by local governments for compliance with the MUTCD.


The Australian Standard for parking control signs recommends that linear parking control signage should not be installed parallel to the kerb, but be turned through 30 degrees plus, or minus 10 degrees, to partially face oncoming traffic. The installation of signs at 30 degrees is not a mandatory requirement and the road authority could issue an infringement notice if a driver is parked on a length of road contrary to a parking control sign. In addition to this, under the *Queensland Road Rules* (the QRR), signage and other traffic control devices retain their legal effect, as long as they substantially comply with the other requirements of the signage in the regulation. This is to ensure that, where complete uniformity is not achievable—for instance through damage to signage—substantially compliant signage is still effective under the QRR.

If the device is a sign, it is substantially compliant if the sign bears a reasonable likeness to the diagrams shown in the traffic signs depicted in the QRR, or—if the sign is not depicted in the QRR—substantially complies with a description of the sign and any symbols for which there is a diagram in the QRR. Other traffic control devices are also regarded as substantially compliant with the QRR if they comply with a description of that kind of traffic control device, including any symbols for which there is a diagram in the QRR.

A traffic sign may still be considered to be of reasonable likeness even if, for example, the dimensions of, or the markings on, the sign are different, the sign has additional information, or for a parking control sign, the information on the sign is arranged differently. A regulatory sign that is not substantially similar will not have effect under the QRR.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right and then curves downwards.

MARK BAILEY MP
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