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This e-mail has been sent on behalf of Ms Emma Barnett, at [REDACTED]. They can be contacted by phone at [REDACTED] or by e-mail at [REDACTED]. The content of their submission is below.

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I have been in too many situations where my life has flashed before my eyes because a driver does not understand how vulnerable I am on my bike. When I'm driving I always leave plenty of space for cyclists and if there is no space - I stop! It's not rocket science. People riding bikes and taking cars off the road need to be supported. It's ridiculous that we live in a supposedly progressive society yet don't offer basic human rights i.e. safe travel with our city, to all citizens, including cyclists.

I support safe passing distance laws for cars and trucks overtaking bicycles, so we can all share the road safely.

When bike riding is safer, more people will leave their cars at home. This will mean better health, less congestion on our roads and less pollution.

I agree with the Committee's decision to look at the examples of Queensland, ACT and Tasmania where safe passing laws have been introduced, or are being trialled, and how to run a public education campaign about the rule change.

When the new mobile phone rules came in, most drivers learned the rule quickly because it was in the news. An education campaign is more effective when it tells drivers a new road rule.

We are all in this together. There is no 'us' and 'them', safe passing distance laws make our roads safer for everyone.