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Dr Christopher Gribbin
Secretary
Economy and Infrastructure Committee
Email: LCLC@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Dr Gribbin,

Re: Road Safety Road Rules 2009 (Overtaking Bicycles) Bill 2015

Thank you for your letter dated 11 March 2016 inviting Council to submit comments on the Economic and Infrastructure Committees' inquiry into proposed legislation relating to minimum clearances for motorists when overtaking bicycles.

Council officers are supportive of measures to ensure the safety of vulnerable road users, such as cyclists.

We are supportive of the proposed legislation to require drivers to maintain a gap of 1 metre to 1.5 meter (depending on travel speed) when overtaking cyclists.

It is however considered that an extensive media campaign highlighting the benefits to both motorists and cyclists is required to ensure:

- that the community understands the reasoning behind the legislation;
- understands how the law will be enforced and the penalties which are proposed to apply; and
- that the community willingly abides by the new legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Liz Lambropoulos, Council's Traffic and Transport Engineer on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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