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Secretary
Economy and Infrastructure Committee
Parliament House, Spring Street
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Via email: LCLC@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Dr Gribbin

ROAD SAFETY ROAD RULES 2009 (OVERTAKING BICYCLES) BILL 2015

Thank you for your letter addressed to the City of Ballarat Chief Executive Officer inviting submissions concerning proposed legislation relative to minimum distances when overtaking bicycles. Your letter has been referred to me to provide a response.

Although the implications of the bill and proposed legislation are extensive and intricate, the terms of reference to be addressed for this inquiry relate to implementation.

With regard to the terms of reference:

- Council is not in a position to comment on outcomes and experience of implementing similar laws in other states and territories;
- Promotional and educational campaigns will be essential and pivotal to public awareness, support and observance of the new laws;
- The establishment of enforcement policies and strategies represents a detailed and difficult assignment. Assessment of distances during the passing manoeuvre is potentially open to interpretation and consequently, opportunity for dispute. Enforcement officers (Police) will require the support of robust policies and strategies to support their task.

The City of Ballarat will review the terms of reference in detail and consider a response through the Committee process.

If you wish to discuss further, please feel free to phone me on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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Terry Demeo
General Manager City Services

CC: Frank Dixon, City of Ballarat Interim CEO