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To whom it may concern,

RE: Inquiry into Road Safety Rules (Overtaking Bicycles) Bill 2015

A cycling forum was recently conducted in the District of Eltham, which resulted in the following observations:

1. Not all motorists consistently understand the definition of a 'safe overtaking distance'. This results in some motorists passing a cyclist too closely. It was the belief of the forum that a uniform and understood distance for overtaking rule for all roads, (such as 1 metre) at all speeds would reduce uncertainty and lead to safer outcomes. Any change to the current rule would require a comprehensive education program for all road users.
2. Not all road, trail, path signage, width and surfaces for cycling is consistent and uniform. It was the belief of the forum that this needs to be remedied with a uniform approach, improving ease of use for both cyclists, motorists and pedestrians
3. Too many cycling trails and paths end abruptly, without an end destination in mind. It was the view of the forum that more funding and energy needs to be invested in ensuring that routes are formed and/or completed with a destination in mind and that there is improved linkages between paths and trails.

Thank for your consideration.
Yours sincerely,

Vicki Ward MP
State Member for Eltham