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This e-mail has been sent on behalf of Mis Liz Barr, 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 support safe passing distance laws for cars and trucks overtaking bicycles, so we can all share the road safely. I cycle from my house to the station several times a week, and not a day goes by without a driver passing within a few inches of my bike. A minimum passing law is the very least we need -- we also need an extensive education for drivers, reminding them that cyclists have a right to be on the roads, and that aggressive overtaking is dangerous.

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.