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This e-mail has been sent on behalf of Mr Steve Halliwell, 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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My direct experience of commuting by bicycle to work at the University of Melbourne, and my recreational road cycling since retirement lead me to support safe passing distance laws for cars and trucks overtaking bicycles, so we can all share the road safely.

Sensible legislation (eg car seat belt and bike helmet laws) is one of the most effective ways of promoting appropriate behaviour for the benefit of the whole community.

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 to examine how to run a public education campaign about the rule change.

As a rider who must, because of where I live, ride on busy urban roads, I am certain that legislation is necessary to bring about the necessary changes in behaviour.