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This e-mail has been sent on behalf of Andrew Turner, 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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As a regular a commuter and recreational cyclist, I support safe passing distance laws for cars and trucks overtaking bicycles, so we can all share the road safely.

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 trialed, and how to run a public education campaign about the rule change.

An education campaign is more effective when it tells drivers a new road rule.

Communicating the success of the rules elsewhere and the ability of drivers to safely cross the center-line on the road to pass cyclists will alleviate most reasonable concerns.

We can all share the road safely!