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This e-mail has been sent on behalf of Ms Jacinta Cross, 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 cycle to commute. I cycle because I have to - I actually can't afford a car, and cycling is much faster and more reliable than public transport.

Everyday I am wary of cars passing me, and some pass leaving little or no distance between my bike and their car. I feel that this is dangerous and unneeded - the roads can and should be safer for cyclists.

I support safe passing distance laws for cars and trucks overtaking bicycles, so we can all share the road safely. I want to see more people cycling - it will reduce pollution, increase exercise for everyone and free up our roads.

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.