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This e-mail has been sent on behalf of Mr Ian Morgan, 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 someone who alternately rides and drives to work, I am writing to support the proposed "metre matters" laws as put forth by the Greens party.

The terrible traffic snarls across Melbourne over the past two weeks (not to mention many before that) have put the city's gridlock into stark focus. Billion dollar lane widening projects have only resulted in more cars on the roads and those lanes quickly become just as gridlocked as what was there before.

Cycling is the most underutilised weapon in Victoria's infrastructure arsenal.

Improved cycling infrastructure is important, but driver education and cyclist safety is a cheap and easy "low hanging fruit". A metre matters will make cyclists safer, make new cyclists feel safer, and increase the number of people willing to get out of their cars and on to a bike - easing Melbourne's strained road system.

Sincerely,
Ian Morgan