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**To:** Transport Housing and Local Government Committee  
**Subject:** Submission to Qld Parliament Inquiry into Cycling Issues

Hello Inquiry,

I am a regular cyclist for fun and commuting. I am also a motorist. May I make a few points for your inquiry to consider?

- A law requiring motor vehicles to maintain a distance of 1 metre from cyclists will save lives.
- Cycle education needs to include the need to ride on the left when riding on the road. It is already the law; but a law that is ignored by everyone and seldom enforced. Cyclists who ride on the wrong side of the road do not realise the additional danger they are putting themselves in.
- The Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads does a good job of providing cycle lanes on its roads. Is there a way to encourage local councils to do the same? I live in Mackay and the council here seems to be more interested in building footpaths for cyclists to share with pedestrians. Cycle lanes on roads are sometimes provided and sometimes not. Can something be done to raise the standard to that of The Department of Transport and Main Roads?

Thank you for considering my submission

Sincerely

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