

## Question on Notice

No. 1090

Asked on 14 October 2022

**MR S KNUTH** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland Government having committed \$219m towards cycling infrastructure and promotion of cycling within the \$23b, four-year roads program—

Will the Minister (a) advise if the Minister is aware that many of the 800,000 members of the Queensland Cycling community cannot transport their bicycles via a rack attached to the rear of their vehicles and (b) review overhang guidelines, to support cycling, which they are heavily funding and supporting?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Hill for the question.

Bicycles can be transported via a rear-mounted bike carrier, provided the bike carrier complies with the safety requirements set out in the Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2021. These safety requirements include rear overhang limits, number plate visibility, mandatory lighting and ensuring that there are no dangerous protrusions.

The rear overhang provisions that are in use in Queensland are based on national model law and are consistent with those in use in other Australian states and territories. Information about complying with rear overhang requirements can be found online at [www.qld.gov.au/transport/vehicle-safety/transporting-loads/projecting-loads](http://www.qld.gov.au/transport/vehicle-safety/transporting-loads/projecting-loads).

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) recently undertook a review of rear-mounted bike carriers currently available in the Queensland market. The aim of the review was to investigate the range of product options available for use by members of the Queensland cycling community. The review identified that there is currently a wide range of compliant products able to safely carry bicycles on the back of popular passenger vehicles.

In addition, the review further highlighted that there was an opportunity to provide the general cycling community with additional information and guidelines about the requirements and considerations when transporting bicycles on vehicles. I am pleased to advise that TMR has recently released a general guide for transporting a bicycle on a vehicle. This guide is readily accessible on TMR's website and contains the relevant information in which the cycling community can refer to prior to purchasing bicycle carriers.

More information about transporting bicycles on rear-mounted bike carriers can be found online at [www.qld.gov.au/transport/vehicle-safety/transporting-bicycles](http://www.qld.gov.au/transport/vehicle-safety/transporting-bicycles).