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Dear Mr French

I refer to correspondence from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads to you dated 1 September 2021, responding to your letter received about your proposal to require additional safety equipment on heavy vehicles to assist with the protection vulnerable road users, such as cyclists.

I advise that on Friday 12 November 2022, I attended a national Performance Based Standards Review Panel (PRP) meeting, as Queensland's representative on this group. At this meeting I formally briefed the PRP and recommended the mandating additional vehicle safety equipment as part of the Performance Base Standards (PBS) Scheme, particularly on heavy vehicles, such as truck and dog combinations, that typically operate in busy urban areas.

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is commencing a project in 2022 to review the Performance Base Standards Scheme. I am pleased to advise that the PRP has recommended that the NHVR consider mandating of safety features, such as blind spot detection and side underrun protection, as part of this review.

Thank you for your interest in the road safety of vulnerable road users. Please feel free to contact me on 3066 1249, or at [mark.m.mitchell@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:mark.m.mitchell@tmr.qld.gov.au) should you wish to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely

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