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Dear Mr Bansal

Queensland Coroner's report on the death of Carolyn Lister

I refer you to the attached Coroner's report on the death of Carolyn Lister, who was killed while riding her bike to work in Brisbane on 30 June 2020 due to a crash with a large tip truck being operated under a contract with Boral. It is grim reading. It is recommended you read this report as Boral has a responsibility for the safety of everyone who uses roads and it was a driver operating on your behalf who was involved in this fatal crash.

We note that the driver was talking on the phone at the time of the crash. There are numerous studies showing an increase in the risk of a crash when using a mobile phone – even if it is “hands free”. The driver also noted “*it is general practice not to answer personal calls while on-site*”. Accordingly, we call on Boral to also mandate this practice when your drivers are on the road.

The coroner also notes bonnet “*..mirrors have been mandated on new Boral vehicles since 2013. They are now looking at installing these on the older fleet. The mirror on the bonnet would become a minimum standard on vehicles. If a contractor wished to exceed this standard by installing a camera instead of a mirror, then that will also be suitable. The retrofit of such a mirror is about \$200 per truck to fit.*” Given Boral recognised the need for these safety devices ten years ago and their insignificant cost, we call for your company to stop looking at installing and get on with actually installing these mirrors.

We look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully

Paul French

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