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The Honourable Bart Mellish MP Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services GPO Box 2644 BRISBANE QLD 4001

Via email to: transportandmainroads@ministerial.gld.gov.au

Dear Minister

## Parking in bike lanes

I write to draw your attention to a 6 March 2024 article in the Brisbane Times regarding Brisbane City Council's repeated removal of a "ghost bike" marking the location on Nudgee Road, Hendra where bicycle rider Philip Pawsey was killed in May last year while travelling to work. (<a href="https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/queensland/this-memorial-was-removed-six-times-then-it-came-back-on-a-trailer-20240305-p5fa1n.html">https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/queensland/this-memorial-was-removed-six-times-then-it-came-back-on-a-trailer-20240305-p5fa1n.html</a>)

The action of those who have legally parked a "ghost bike" trailer in the bike lane close to the location highlights the irony of the council's reasons for removing the bike. It also highlights how pointless the bike lane is ... and all bike lanes across the state when drivers can legally park in them.

Therefore, we call upon you to change Queensland's road rules to ban drivers parking in bike lanes.

I look forward to your responses on these concerns.

Yours sincerely

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