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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 18 March 2024 about vehicles parking in bicycle lanes. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Firstly, I would again like to extend my deepest sympathies for the tragic incident that occurred on 8 May 2023 at Nudgee Road Hendra, where Mr Philip Pawsey lost his life.

I note that you have previously written about this issue and a response was provided by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) on 6 September 2023. I am advised that TMR's position remains the same and I have summarised this below.

Roads are a shared space and road managers must balance a variety of user needs. This is particularly true for legacy roads that may not be wide enough to support dedicated infrastructure for different vehicle types.

The *Queensland Road Rules* (QRR) provides a flexible framework for bike lanes and on-road parking. This is reflective of the fact that it may not always be suitable to prohibit parking in bike lanes, and in these cases, a bike lane still adds value by creating some extra space for bike riders and making drivers aware of the likely presence of bike riders.

Road managers, mostly local governments, can choose to prohibit parking in bike lanes through no parking signs and/or yellow edge line treatments. This is utilised where parking in bike lanes presents a safety risk.

However, prohibiting on-road parking must be balanced with other community needs and, in many areas, on-road parking is required to support residential and commercial activity. If the QRR were to introduce a blanket ban on parking in bike lanes across Queensland, it is likely that local governments would need to consider removing bike lanes to preserve on-road parking in some areas.

For these reasons, I can advise that there are currently no plans to introduce a blanket ban on parking in bike lanes via the QRR. I am of the view that road managers remain best placed to assess and manage localised issues using appropriate infrastructure.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'B' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

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