



Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group

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The Honourable Jo-Ann Miller MP
Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services
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Dear Minister

This letter is in relation to reporting of breaches of section 144A(1) of the Queensland Road Rules concerning failure to leave one or 1.5 metres lateral distance when passing a bicycle in different speed zones (one metre for 60 km/h or less and 1.5 metres for more than 60 km/h).

The Bicycle User Group has noted some recent incidents where unequivocal breaches of the Rules occurred without any police action being taken.

As background for you to this letter, the Brisbane CBD BUG is a grass roots volunteer organization of more than 700 members, representing the interests of the very large number of people riding bicycles to, from and within the Brisbane city centre. It is active in seeking policy decisions at all levels of government supporting people who want to cycle, and in particular relating to improved infrastructure, end- of-trip facilities, integration of cycling needs with other transport modes and a regulatory environment friendly towards people riding bikes. CBD BUG members meet monthly to exchange information and ideas, discuss issues of relevance and determine the direction of policies to benefit CBD cyclists.

The BUG considers that the Queensland Parliamentary Inquiry into Cycling of 2013 made excellent recommendations, not all of which were implemented. It requires the participation of all government agencies to enhance cyclist safety and encourage potential cyclists to ride, knowing that the authorities take their safety seriously. The campaign cannot be effective without police cooperation. This cooperation appears to be currently lacking from the Queensland Police Service with respect to s144A(1).

We would like to know what the police policy for enforcement of the rule is and how this is being implemented.

The BUG seeks your views on what police and bike advocates could do to make the rule work best, and the co-convenors would welcome the opportunity to make this case in person to you. We would also be pleased to have a senior officer speak at one of our monthly meetings.

Yours faithfully

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