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The Honourable Rachel Nolan MP
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Dear Minister Nolan

The purpose of this letter is to request two separate items of information relating to your portfolio.

The first issue on which your advice is sought is the process through which the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) can have input into the development of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the review of Queensland's driver licence testing regime, which you announced on 29 September 2010.

The reason for this request is that the CBD BUG views the development of appropriately inclusive ToR for the review as essential to ensuring its scope will truly reflect your description of the review as being "top-to-bottom".

The CBD BUG commends your announcement of this review and is very keen to be involved in this process. Based on the experience of CBD BUG members who are largely both cyclists and motorists, and recent media reports, there is a strong view Queensland's current drivers licence testing system lacks rigour, focus and uniformity. This means a large number of this State's drivers licence holders do not have the skills, knowledge or the physical and psychological attributes that should be present before they are legally allowed to operate potentially lethal machinery in public areas.

The second information request seeks provision to CBD BUG of a copy of the current version of the intergovernmental agreement that commits Queensland to maintaining its road rules in consistency with the nationally agreed set of road rules.

This request is made after a considerable amount of searching has failed to reveal any version of this agreement on the internet.

Further to the matter of Queensland maintaining road rules consistent with the Australian Road Rules (ARR) the CBD BUG would like to know what criteria and circumstances would the Queensland Government see as warranting the exercise of the "flexibility in amending the national rules to better match local conditions" referred to in the foreword to the ARR, and how a pilot or trial might be conducted in order to ensure that rules match scientific evidence e.g. with respect to the non-mandatory use of bicycle helmets or allowing cyclists to ride on pedestrian crossings.

I look forward to your response on these important issues. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0423 974 825 if you or your staff wish to discuss this matter.

Yours faithfully



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