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The Hon Andrew Constance MP
Minister for Transport and Roads
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Dear Minister

Road Rules: Cycleways and Cross Street Intersections

I write on behalf of a number of constituents who have contacted me about the road rules that apply to separated cycleways where bike riders can travel in both directions at intersections with cross streets.

Constituents who have contacted me are concerned that the road rules do not make it clear that bike riders on separated cycleways crossing a road have right of way over vehicles using that road. They are concerned that this leads to confusion for road users and is a safety risk.

My constituents say that separated cycleways where bike riders can travel in both directions are relatively new in NSW, and part of their purpose is to provide safe cycling routes, attracting new riders, women riders and child riders in particular. They are concerned that there is confusion amongst road users about who has priority and who should give way when at intersections where other roads cross cycleways.

I understand that Bicycle NSW has raised this with Transport for NSW as a safety concern that is increasing as more cycleways are completed and more people are riding bikes. Those who have contacted me suggest that Road Rule 74 needs amendment to clarify this situation and reflect current road conditions.

Could you please review applicable road rules in response to my constituents' concerns about safety and inform me what action you will take?

Yours sincerely



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Member for Sydney

