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Dear Mr Greenwich

Thank you for your correspondence to the former Minister for Transport and Roads about enforcement and education campaigns for motorists to promote cyclists' safety. I have been asked to respond to you.

Transport for NSW considers cyclists' safety as an absolute priority. The NSW Road Safety Plan 2021 aims to reduce the incidence of death and serious injury on the State's roads from 2008-10 levels by 30 per cent by 2021. An important part of the plan is the work to improve the safety of all road users, including cyclists. It sets a target of zero fatalities and injuries on NSW roads by 2050. Further information about the plan may be found by visiting <https://towardszero.nsw.gov.au/roadsafetyplan>.

On average, a total of nine bicycle riders are killed and almost 1,900 are seriously injured each year in NSW. Bicycle riders represent about 2.4 per cent of total road fatalities and about 17 per cent of serious injuries in the State.

I am pleased to advise the Centre for Road Safety will facilitate a meeting with representatives from Bicycle NSW and invite NSW Police to discuss areas of concern around bicycle safety. The NSW Police Force is responsible for the enforcement of the NSW Road Rules 2014.

Transport for NSW has developed a number of communication resources to help keep bicycle riders safe. The Centre for Road Safety website includes information about safety gear, road rules, food delivery rider safety, as well as influencer videos to highlight how bicycle riders can keep themselves safe on our roads. The 'Go Together' awareness campaign was developed to promote awareness of the minimum passing distance rule and encourage drivers, bicycle riders and pedestrians to respect each other's space to ensure everyone stays safe on and around the road. Details of the campaign can be found at gottogether.transport.nsw.gov.au.

The Centre for Road Safety website also has a page specifically for drivers about how they can help keep bicycle riders safe on our roads. This page includes information on the minimum passing distance rule, as well as various best practice tips to share the road safely. The NSW Road Safety – NSW GOV Facebook page also promotes bicycle safety through paid and organic social media posts throughout the year.

In development of the 2026 Road Safety Action plan, Transport for NSW engaged the community and stakeholders via various channels including forums, a survey and digital channels. As a member of the Road Safety Action Committee, Bicycle NSW was invited to a stakeholder forum as well as an online Sydney forum and it attended the Sydney forum. Bicycle NSW also encouraged their members to provide feedback on the 2026 Road Safety Action plan via social media.

Transport for NSW encourages people who witness dangerous driver behaviour to report it to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444. Further information may also be found by visiting the NSW Police website at https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/safety_and_prevention/safe_and_secure/road_safety.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry McSweeney', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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