



# Premier of Queensland

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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your email of 6 May 2013 and attached media release requesting changes to the Queensland road rules in light of the death of Mr Richard Pollett. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The death of Mr Pollett is certainly a tragedy and I agree that the Government does have a role in working towards measures to ensure that such incidents are prevented from happening again. This includes the implementation of appropriate legislation to ensure road safety for all.

The Government has ordered a review of Queensland's cycling laws, including whether a one-metre rule would provide a safer environment for cyclists. The review, conducted by the Parliamentary Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee will consider trends in bike injuries and will evaluate any changes to Queensland's cycling laws, for example, requiring a one-metre distance between motorists and a cyclist. It will also evaluate how any changes may be implemented and then enforced.

The committee will take public submissions and consult with key interest groups to see if the current laws can be improved and will report back to Parliament in November this year. Further information on this inquiry can be found on the Parliament's website at [www.parliament.qld.gov.au](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au) and then by clicking on (1) 'Work of Committees' (2) 'Committees' (3) 'Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee' (4) 'Inquiry into Cycling Issues'.

Again, thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention and I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

**CAMPBELL NEWMAN**