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Dear Mr Campbell

Thank you for your letter of 9 September 2022 about surveillance technology to enable enforcement action in response to the current misuse of bus lanes/jump zones.

Bus jump zones are not specifically covered under the *Queensland Road Rules* (QRR). I understand these zones are installed by the Brisbane City Council. As such, there is no specific rule that prevents other vehicles from driving in the bus jump zone. There are, however, other road markings and signs that provide for how bus drivers and other road users should navigate these types of intersections.

As you have outlined in your letter, there is a 'left lane must turn left' sign installed at this location. This sign is accompanied by another sign which exempts buses from this requirement. I note that this rule would also exclude bicycles. The penalty for an offence against this section is \$115 and three demerit points (for motor vehicle drivers).

As you may be aware, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) work together to deliver the Camera Detected Offence Program (CDOP). CDOP oversees site selection and deployment of speed, red-light and mobile phone and seatbelt cameras on the Queensland road network. However, CDOP does not currently deploy cameras that automatically enforce failing to adhere to a 'left lane must turn left' sign.

I appreciate your advocacy for maintaining road access and safety for bicycle riders. However, there are no current plans to introduce this type of camera enforcement in Queensland.

While TMR is responsible for the QRR, enforcement is the responsibility of the QPS. I encourage you to report any instances of unsafe driving that you witness to Policelink any time by telephone on 131 444 or online at https://www.police.gld.gov.au/policelink-reporting.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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