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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2782-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 15 February 2018, about the proposal to exempt motorcycles and scooters from all road tolls in Queensland, and to allow footpath parking for all motorcycles and scooters.

I would like to thank Mr David White for bringing this petition to the Legislative Assembly. The Palaszczuk Government recognises motorcycling as an important part of the transport system, and it also acknowledges that the use of motorcycles and scooters is becoming an increasingly popular means of commuting. This increase has the potential for broader benefits, such as reducing road congestion and potentially lowering greenhouse gas emissions.

Toll roads in Brisbane are provided on a user-pays basis, and the operators of all vehicles detected on the toll roads, with the exception of emergency vehicles or similar, are required to pay any tolls incurred. Vehicles are classified into four classes for toll purposes – motorcycles, cars, light commercial vehicles, and heavy vehicles. The government is not currently considering any changes to the toll arrangements for Brisbane's toll roads.

Motorcyclists pay a toll that is approximately half the level of the car toll. Motorcyclists are required to either set up a tolling account or make arrangements to pay their tolls within three days of travelling on the toll road. More information on toll levels for each of the toll roads is available at www.govia.com.au/using-brisbane-toll-roads/toll-pricing.

Mopeds, by definition, have a manufacturer's top rated speed of 50km/h. Therefore, to ensure tunnel safety due to potential speed differentials, mopeds are not permitted in the Clem7, Airportlink or Legacy Way tunnels. Mopeds may also be restricted from using the tolled motorways depending on the speed limits that apply.

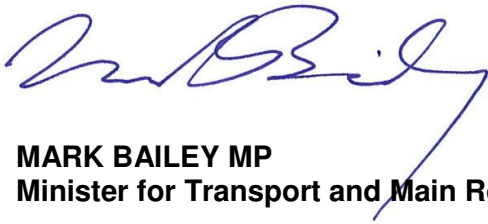
The Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Road Rules) Regulation 2009 currently provides that a driver (or rider) must not stop on a footpath unless there is a sign indicating that parking is permitted. This means, in Queensland, a local council already has the authorisation to install signs to allow motorcycles to park in places where it would be appropriate for such parking to occur.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads advises that the Brisbane City Council has already installed over 600 additional new motorcycle parking spaces on footpaths to assist with the increased demand for parking in Brisbane's central business district. As is the case in Victoria, when parking in the designated parking space, riders must ensure they do not obstruct pedestrians, doorways, delivery vehicles, public transport users or access to parked cars.

Given Queensland legislation already allows local authorities to determine whether it is appropriate for motorcycles to park on footpaths under their control, there is no need for any further legislative changes.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

MARK BAILEY MP
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