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Member for Inala



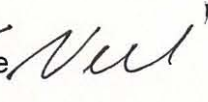
**Minister for Transport
and Multicultural Affairs**

Our ref: PP1808-11

Your ref: Petitions

14 DEC 2011

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie 

I refer to a petition number 1808-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 15 November 2011 about mandatory helmet wearing by users of motorised wheelchairs. Motorised wheelchairs include motorised mobility scooters.

There is currently no provision in Queensland law that mandates the use of a bicycle helmet for users of motorised wheelchairs. However, if the user of a motorised wheelchair wishes to wear a bicycle helmet then they are freely able to do so.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Council is currently undertaking a review of the safety of motorised wheelchairs. One of the items they are specifically investigating is the safety effects of the use of bicycle helmets while using these devices. The council will report on its findings in due course.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads will examine the outcome and consider any recommendations.

The department has recently provided comprehensive website information relating to the use and safety of motorised wheelchairs. This information can be accessed at <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Disability-access-and-mobility/Travelling-with-a-wheelchair-or-mobility-scooter.aspx>

Yours sincerely



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