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The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads
Queensland Parliament House
George St., Brisbane, QLD

Dear Minister

Re. Road signage for safety

The MRAQ (Motorcycle Riders Association of Queensland) holds road safety very high on our agenda and are regularly receiving report from motorcyclists about incidents of car drivers not looking out for motorcyclists and causing near misses and or crashes because of their inattentive driving.

There has been a massive increase of motorcycles on Queensland roads in the past few years with this form of transport being the fastest growing Australia wide and hence we believe that extra attention to the possibility that a motorcycle may be present needs to be realised by other road users.

Drivers distracted by their mobile phones, doing there make up or eating their breakfast are just a few situations that motorcyclists see every day.

Far too often the response to an incident with a motorcycle is "sorry mate I didn't see you". This is not the truth. The truth more often than not should be "I didn't look". Mirror checks or actually head turns to check before changing lanes seems to becoming more of a problem than it ever was.

We are always looking for means to promote motorcycle safety and have noticed that the digital signs used on our freeways could be put to better purpose. Most commonly these signs are displaying messages about paying a toll or providing a phone to call if an incident is noticed.

These messages have their place however if this is all that the signs are used for a great safety message opportunity is being lost.

We request that a usage campaign be instigated for these signs that better uses their potential to promote safety issues with one in particular being to look out for motorcyclists.

We trust that you can see the road safety benefit of this proposal and will be able to have it implemented.

Yours truly

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Motorcycle & Scooter riders in Queensland*

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