YOUR ADDRESS

To:

MEMBER NAME

State Member for ELECTORATE

Dear MEMBER NAME

I am writing to you, as your constituent, regarding the Andrews Labor Government’s track record on transport cycling during its time in office.

I am disappointed that there has been little to no serious investment in infrastructure. I would be justified in thinking that any serious investment in cycling infrastructure is only considered as a sweetener when associated with yet another multi billion dollar toll road proposed by the private sector.

During the review of the Victorian Cycling Strategy, helmet laws were identified as a barrier to cycling participation by a large number of submitters, and at every stakeholder meeting by a wide range of people interested in growing and improving transport cycling. These laws are internationally recognised as a barrier to cycling, with little clear safety benefit. There has never been a review of these laws in Victoria. Despite this, Minister Donellan intervened personally in the Strategy review to dictate that discussion of helmet laws was off the table. Overall, the revised Strategy offered no concrete measurables to increase cycling participation or make it safer or more desirable. I am not alone in feeling a sense of dismay at the disregard shown to the community input.

All cyclists got in regard to legislation in the past four years was a new fine – equating using a phone while cycling with texting while driving, which is just plain ludicrous.

The shortcomings in the current situation are amply demonstrated by the finding reported in the revised Victorian Cycling Strategy that participation in cycling for transport is in decline in this state.

Based on the Andrews Labor Government’s track record, there are clearly better choices than Labor at the upcoming State election.

I am happy to discuss these issues with you in person, in your role as my current elected representative.

Regards

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