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Dear Mr Scruby

MOTORCYCLES AND FRONT NUMBER PLATES

I refer to your e-mail of 11 June 2007, regarding front number plates for motorcycles.

VicRoads' previous response to you dated 24 April 2007, concerning this matter, indicated that the *National Road Safety Action Plan 2007 and 2008*, which VicRoads supports, recognises the need to enhance speed limit enforcement for all motor vehicles through the use of front and rear number plates or other identification technology. One aspect of VicRoads' commitment to this, and previous plans, has been the task of assessing the technical feasibility of fitting front identifiers to motorcycles on behalf of the National Road Safety Strategy Panel (NRSSP).

A paper was submitted to the SCOT/TACE in February outlining the findings of a technical review of whether or not it was possible to identify motorcycles from the front. This paper indicated that technically it was possible to affix identification through use of an adhesive method.

However, although the paper was tabled, it was not discussed and since then the Jurisdiction Committee member's views have been sought out of session on the next phase. To date, a number of responses have been received and are being assessed to determine the support for the next phase(s) of this project.

When the next phase is determined, a project update and timelines will be provided to relevant road safety groups and consultation would then occur with those groups, industry and user associations.

In relation to VicRoads' representation on the NRSSP, Mr Nial Finegan has my full support. I do not accept your assertion that he misled the Panel on this issue.

Yours sincerely



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FRONT NUMBER PLATE IDENTIFIERS FOR MOTORCYCLES

I refer to your e-mails of 1 March and 11 April 2007, regarding front number plates for motorcycles.

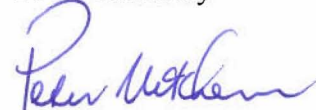
The *National Road Safety Action Plan 2007 and 2008* recognises the need to enhance speed limit enforcement for all motor vehicles through the use of front and rear number plates or other identification technology.

As noted by the Chairman at the National Road Safety Strategy Meeting, VicRoads has undertaken a trial of front number plates for motorcycles. **The trial has developed a technically feasible solution to enable motorcycles to be identified from the front using a combination of decals and mounting systems. The solution is compatible with current speed camera technology.** The project report outlining the technical feasibility is currently being considered by the Standing Committee on Transport.

The need to assess the feasibility of different methods suggested for mounting the front identifier, and accelerated durability and camera readability testing for the various decals and mounting brackets, has added to the complexity and duration of the project.

Thank you for taking the time to write and for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely


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