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DRIVER EDUCATION, TRAINING AND ROAD SAFETY

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STAYSAFE (JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROAD SAFETY)
Parliament of New South Wales
Macquarie Street
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Inquiry into Driver Education, Training and Road Safety

Dear Sir/Madam

The City of Sydney would like to make the following recommendations for consideration of the committee for the Inquiry into Driver Education, Training and Road Safety.

In line with the existing safe drivers course (http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/geared/your_driving_skills/driving_skills/safer_driving_courses.html) where participants get a bonus hour for each hour of course time they complete towards passing through the Learner phase of drivers licensing. The City would encourage participation in a safe cycling course, such as the Cycling in the City course that the City of Sydney and other council areas have established. Cycling skills and any increased knowledge of other road users could be counted as both experience towards passing the Learner phase and accrue the bonus hours as well - our course is 4 hours of learning, so it would count for 8 hours.

As more riders are on the road it is imperative that drivers understand their perspective - to understand what the road rules are for cyclists and for interactions with cyclists when driving a motor vehicle, to experience what it feels like to be on the road as a bike rider. The effect would be better interactions between these drivers and other riders.

In addition a system for continued/repeat testing for drivers should be investigated. Road infrastructure and road rules are not the same as they were 30 years ago but people who passed the tests 30 years ago have not been obliged to re-sit any testing to accommodate changes to the road rules and road environments. This is particularly important in the case of understanding the rights of cyclists.

Transport cycling's rise means that people who for a long time haven't had to interact with cyclists now have to do so regularly. We believe that ensuring that vulnerable road user education is encouraged and that drivers are tested on their skills to operate around such road users.

Kind regards



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