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Stephen Mullighan MP
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure
GPO Box 1533
Adelaide, SA, 5001

Dear Minister

Bike lanes on Portrush Road

I write to express the Bicycle Institute's concern about the time taken to install bike lanes on Portrush Road.

We note that lanes were spotted on the road about twelve months ago and at that time expected them to be installed within weeks.

You told me in a meeting that we had in January that there had been a delay because you wanted a higher than normal level of separation for these lanes.

Right now, the cyclists of Adelaide would appreciate any level of separation. Certainly it would not be difficult to enhance this using an audio-tactile feature such as Vibraline, or even simply a wider stripe.

Our fear is that the government has been intimidated by the misinformation put about by the shadow minister for Transport, who is clearly pandering to ill-informed residents of her electorate.

I'm sure you realize that:

- Cyclists can legally use Portrush Road, and do. (Indeed, for parts of it there is no alternative.)
- There is enough room for bike lanes.
- There is no danger of a vortex effect when trucks are travelling at 60kph or less.
- The provision of a bike lane would increase the visibility of general traffic for residents entering the street.

Can you please provide a timetable for the installation of the lanes, so that I can reassure our members that the government has not decided to ignore the safety of cyclists on this important route.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Radbone". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dr Ian Radbone
Chair, Bicycle Institute of South Australia