

Inquest into the death of Malcolm Donald Kamp

Malcolm Donald Kamp died from multiple injuries arising from a collision between his bicycle and a semi-trailer vehicle on the Warrego Highway, near the Kholo Road off-ramp, in Kholo.

Coroner John Hutton delivered his findings of inquest on 3 December 2014.

The Queensland Government responds to recommendations directed to government agencies at inquests by informing the community if a recommendation will be implemented or the reason why a recommendation is not supported. Further information relating the implementation of recommendations can be obtained from the responsible agency named in the response.

Recommendation 1

The Department of Transport and Main Roads should immediately prohibit cyclists from using the Warrego Highway between Blacksoil and the Ipswich Motorway. With the prohibition in place, the department should then begin exploring, with stakeholders, ways to either deal with the safety concerns, or provide an alternative route.

Based on the numbers exhibited to me during this inquest, this recommendation is likely to impact on a bare handful of cyclists – for their own protection.

At the very least, signage should be erected on on-ramps to advise cyclists that the roadway is dangerous for cyclists. If cyclists choose, in spite of such signage, to cycle on the roadway, they might be held to have done so at their own peril. In the current situation, where no alternative is provided to potential danger, and no prohibition is in place, cyclists may use the road in the (clearly mistaken) belief that it is safe for them to do so.

Response and action: the recommendation is implemented.

Responsible agency: Department of Transport and Main Roads.

On 22 September 2015, the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply responded:

Signage was put in place on the 26 of February 2015, prohibiting cyclists from using the Warrego Highway between Ipswich-Warrego Highway Connection Roads, Brassall and the Ipswich Motorway (declared motorway section of the Warrego Highway).

The Department of Transport and Main Roads engages in ongoing consultation with stakeholders (including cyclists groups) about safety concerns or alternative routes regarding existing and future cyclist infrastructure and safety concerns. Improvements are prioritised based on cyclist safety and available funding. This action is ongoing as part of the maintenance, improvements and development of the broader cycle network.