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Mr Neville Gray OAM
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Dear Mr Gray

Recently a decision was made regarding the use of steel plates to cover roadworks, which I feel may be of interest to your members.

As a result of a recent review, amendments have been made to the *Specification for the Excavation and Reinstatement of Existing Road Pavements*. This review was initiated following a letter from a motorcyclist to me pointing out the troubles faced when driving over them on our roads. You may be interested to know that steel plates now require an approved anti-skid coating to assist motorcyclists in particular.

A temporary ramp must also be provided to provide a smooth transition from the road surface onto the steel plate. The specification further requires that vehicle speed is restricted to 60 km/h or less on the section of road where a steel plate is used.

It may take time for all roadworks contractors who make use of these plates to apply the new coating but I am pleased that this is one additional measure that can contribute to safer roads for motorcyclists.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Rankine".

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MINISTER FOR ROAD SAFETY

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