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CTP Scheme Review Team Motor Accident Insurance Commission GPO Box 2203 Brisbane Qld 4001

Per email: maic@maic.qld.goc.au

Re: Discussion paper: A review of Queensland's compulsory third party insurance scheme

Dear Review Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the review of Queensland's compulsory third party insurance scheme. The Faculty of Health at QUT strongly supports MAIC's efforts to ensure that the CTP scheme is meeting the needs of Queensland road users and is also sufficiently flexible to be able to take advantage of emerging opportunities and innovations through research and well evaluated policy strategy. We would like to provide the following comment in response to question 16 of the discussion paper, specifically in terms of MAIC's legislative function defined under the *Motor Accident Insurance Act 1994* to promote measures directed at eliminating or reducing the causes of motor vehicle crashes.

## Should the role, structure and functions of MAIC be amended in any way, and if so, how and why?

We commend MAIC's ongoing commitment to supporting ongoing road safety research aimed at reducing the frequency, severity and impact of road trauma. The Faculty of Health strongly supports the goals set out in *Safer Roads, Safer Queensland – Queensland's Road Safety Strategy 2015-2021*, particularly the intent to ensure that MAIC's efforts are innovative, evidence-based, appropriate timely and offer a strong return on investment for Queenslanders through lives saved, reduced injury and enhanced productivity.

This strategy offers an exciting opportunity to advance the broader research agenda relating to road safety, particularly in the context of a rapidly-changing road and transport environment, with emerging technologies and practices such as autonomous and connected vehicles and changing patterns of vehicle ownership and usage. We welcome further contribution from MAIC in priority setting for road safety research that is responsive to the prevalence and nature of road trauma. This would include research targets with a particular focus on vulnerable road users, noting that profiles of vulnerability will shift over time.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss the submission more fully in person, should the opportunity arise to do so.

Yours sincerely

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