

Further submission to the Standing Committee on Economy and Infrastructure  
Legislation Committee on the Road Safety Amendment (Car Doors) Bill 2012

To the chair and committee members

Further to the original submission from Road Safety Action Group Inner Melbourne (RSAGIM), the group would like to emphasise the following points

RSAGIM

- is funded by and constituted under the Victorian Community Road Safety Partnership
- is focused on the Inner Melbourne area – and is made up of representatives from participating councils Yarra, Melbourne, Port Phillip and Stonnington as well as community members.
- is focused on the safety of vulnerable road users – pedestrians, cyclists, public transport users and motorcyclists
- is committed to respectful shared use of the road by all road users and individual awareness and responsibility – hence our logo ‘Share and be Aware’
- proceeds on the basis of evidence – hence Stage 1 of our priority cycling project which was to commission the research report ‘Bicycle Rider Collisions with Car Doors’.

RSAGIM response to the matters raised by the Committee

RSAGIM reinforces the following points

- any effective road safety intervention requires the combination of engineering/infrastructure, enforcement and education. Any one of these elements in isolation is not effective
- support for an increase in the penalty so as to be an effective deterrent
- that the penalty be related to the harm that can result from the offence
- that the offence remain part of the regulations
- the research confirms that Inner Melbourne bears the burden of these type of collisions and that treatments for the ‘hot spots’ would reduce the injury burden. Good examples of infrastructure that reduce this type of collision through design are already on the ground in Inner Melbourne
- any education campaign needs to be well resourced and sustained
- enforcement can be more effective when targeted to areas with a high incidence of this type of collision

Thank you once again for the opportunity to present the views of RSAGIM to the Committee.

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