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I strongly support the introduction of legislation to enforce a 1 metre minimum overtaking distance for speeds up to 60kph and 1.5 metres for speeds over 60kph.

I have recently been bike riding in Tasmania and have been astonished at the positive change in behaviour that advisory signs and changes have made. Similarly in rural Victoria recently the only two vehicles that gave me adequate space when overtaking showed number plates from South Australia and Queensland. I am embarrassed to live in Victoria where safety of vulnerable road users is consistently ignored.

I understand that a metre matters laws already exist in countries in Europe and in 29 states in the US. Research supports my personal experience that a metre matters is working in promoting behaviour change, and that cyclists feel safer.

A metre matters is innovative in its simplicity and immediacy. Better infrastructure is critical for safe cycling but we cannot afford to wait for safe cycling infrastructure to be built. The law is practical, enforceable, will reduce serious injuries and will save bicycle riders' lives - maybe even mine.

I, my family and fellow bicycle riders have the right to ride safely for work and play.

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