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I fully endorse the position of the Amy Gillett Foundation in relation to potential legislation regarding minimum overtaking distances.

Safety and the perception of safety for unprotected road users is crucial. Implementing a metre matters legislation is a logical and practical step to changing behaviour, and provides an objective measure for law enforcement.

The current Victorian road rule requiring drivers to allow "sufficient" distance when overtaking a bicycle rider is vague, subjective and has repeatedly not protected bicycle riders.

I live in the state that once led the world in bike planning with the groundbreaking Geelong Bike Plan, has a current road safety strategy "Towards Zero" fatalities yet fails to proactively protect bicycle riders with appropriate legislation.

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.

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