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Regarding a metre matters - support minimum overtaking distance legislation in Victoria.

Firstly - THANK YOU for tabling this bill.

In an ideal world, cyclists would always have their own space with designated lanes free of debris, and potential hazards like car doors opening in front of them.

This however, will be virtually impossible to achieve on a regional basis, so it makes sense to legislate on some form of safe passing distance.

As both a cyclist and motorist, I see crazy actions by both parties on almost every ride or drive I go on.

When cycling - I now have video cameras so i can get footage of people being idiots on the road. When I say idiots - I mean, unbelievable stupidity.

More and more cyclists have front and rear cameras for this reason, and can provide footage to Police if required, but to be honest - I'd rather NOT have to provide this footage.

Just like my friend who was killed by a hit and run last year. He'd have been filming his own death.

In my opinion - the law needs to be tougher for BOTH motorists AND cyclists.

Under 60km/hr if there was a 1m gap between you & motorists, that would be awesome. Over 60km/hr it should be 1.5m as it is in NSW. It's a lot easier to do this, than widen a road.

I think penalties should definitely be applied if there is evidence (i.e. video) that can demonstrate it. What

you'll find is that if you're a cyclist and you want to report this, there's nothing online to help cyclists report the problem.

Of course - the flip side is that the motorist seeing cyclists illegally riding 3 abreast, need video evidence, and be able to somehow report it, if the riding was dangerous.

I think (like NSW cyclists) VIC cyclists should be fined more for running red lights. Cyclists should have to carry photo ID.

1 metre matters. The number of times people have come within 30cm of me (at 100km/hr) is frightening. But I LOVE cycling.

Thank you for your time. Thank you in advance for helping make our roads safer.

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