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Members of the Parliamentary Committee,

Presently, cyclists on Victorian roads lack the respect afforded to other road users. Motorists often view cyclists as undeserved users of the roads, using uninformed statements such as 'you don't pay registration' to claim that the roads are paid for by motorists, for motorists.

A state-wide minimum passing distance, enforced by law and reinforced through a public education campaign, would make it clear to motorists that cyclists legally deserve space on the road. This would not only improve the physical safety of cycling on the road, but also improve the experience through reduced verbal abuse, leading to greater numbers of cyclists which passes on benefits to the community through reduced congestion, road wear and public health benefits.

Thank you for considering this Bill and I highly encourage you to implement the minimum passing distance statewide with a widespread information campaign to educate motorists about the new law.

Many thanks,

Scott Gigante

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