

Secretary,
Economy and Infrastructure Committee,
Parliament House,
Spring Street, Melbourne
VIC 3002

1 April 2016

Dear Secretary and members of the Committee,

Thank you for inviting comment from our club on the proposed 1-metre passing rule.

Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club is non-political. Our club exists to promote bicycling primarily by bicycling, rather than by political action.

A particular strength of our Club is that it brings cyclists together from across the political spectrum. That means we do not expect consensus on issues seen as politically partisan and we do not formulate specific policy positions unless there is a high degree of consensus amongst members.

Our Club is concerned that motorists do not leave sufficient overtaking clearance to cyclists, that road users treat each other with proper respect, and that laws protecting vulnerable road users are properly enforced. However there is not yet a clear consensus amongst our members as to the likely efficacy of the proposed 1-metre-passing legislation as a means to achieving these broader objectives.

We do welcome further invitation to comment on issues relating to bicycling although we cannot comment on this particular bill. Several of our members have made personal submissions to this inquiry, having been made aware of it through your invitation to us as a club and inspired by the active discussion that it has raised within our club.

Please note our change of address.

Yours sincerely

John Harland

President
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