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Dear Committee

My family and I strongly oppose Bicycle Network's proposed exemption to the MPDL in <50kph zones (clause in section 5.3). We have been a member of BN for a decade but feel utterly disappointed by this position.

I work hard to encourage the broader family members and friends to ride and commute around Melbourne. The barrier is always the fear of riding near cars. We are inner city riders, so this speed zone is central to us all. For example, riding in a painted bike lane does not provide a safety barrier, even in Glenferrie Rd cars swerve into my path unintentionally and routinely. The MPDLs will be a step change in perceived and real safety advances for cyclists, and road congestion for all users. This exemption cannot be allowed.

Regards

Garry McDonald