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I support the proposal to mandate a minimum passing distance between a car and a bicycle of 1m at speeds up to 60kph and 1.5m at speeds above 60kph.

Although it would be difficult to police and enforce, experience suggests that making it law will help to emphasise it as a serious issue. Experience has also shown that if sanctions (eg fines, demerit points) are attached to violations of the law, motorists are more likely to take it seriously, and obey it.

In some countries, where a bicycle and a car are involved in an incident, the default position is that the car driver is at fault, unless he can prove otherwise. Knowing that this will be the outcome of any inquiry, I believe, gives pause to inconsiderate drivers who often ignore other road users. I would encourage policymakers in Australia to consider both the points above.

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