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The current ROAD SAFETY ROAD RULES 2009 Regulation 144, in summary means that if the cyclist is hit by a passing vehicle then it is deemed to be unsafe and a 10 point penalty applies. Too little, too late if you happen to be the injured cyclist.

This provides no justice to an injured cyclist, who when hit from behind is either struck or blown off the roadway by a vehicle travelling up to 100 km faster than them and possibly weighing up to 60 tonnes. Many of us cycle in rural areas to avoid traffic but this means the situation (above) arises often.

TAC Insurance cover only extends to road users who are struck so any riders who crash in a "near miss" incident have no recourse either in law or in terms of compensation!

Passing specific distance laws are basic to redressing this situation. We now have the photographic technology in both cars and on bicycles to determine these distances. Therefore clarity can be provided by those involved in any incidents.

The fraught relationship between cyclist and motorist will be enhanced when clear expectations, regarding safe passing distance are established.

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