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This e-mail has been sent on behalf of Mr Mark Tregonning, at [REDACTED]. They can be contacted by phone at [REDACTED] or by e-mail at [REDACTED]. The content of their submission is below.

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I support safe passing distance laws for cars and trucks overtaking bicycles, so we can all share the road safely.

When bike riding is safer, more people will leave their cars at home. This will mean better health, less congestion on our roads and less pollution.

Too many people are dying on bicycles. Not only is that a tragedy for their families and communities, every death discourages cycling. Replacing cars with bikes makes our cities better and safer, so we should be doing all we can to encourage it. This law will help by making cycling safer and more pleasant.

Most car drivers have never ridden on our roads. On the other hand, most cyclists do drive on our roads. A motorist who hasn't ridden a bike on a busy road would find it very difficult to imagine how frightening and threatening it is to have a vehicle race past you, only missing you by centimetres. Education is only part of the solution.

New Zealand is currently considering a 1.5 m law, and Queensland and Tasmania already have 1. Why is Victoria lagging behind?

Thanks for considering my submission.