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The proposed changes should ensure that cyclists remain 1.0m-1.5m clear of cars. While it's important to give cyclists space while they're being overtaken by cars, it is just as important that they maintain that same space while they're moving in traffic.

If the law is written such that it is an offence for a car to pass a cyclist with less than one metre of spacing, the same standard must be applied to cyclists.

Consider this scenario:

A cyclist is riding with slow moving car traffic but then decides to ride past all the cars between the kerb and the traffic with less than one metre of space. He then creates a situation where all the drivers he has overtaken could be in breach of the law through no intentional wrong-doing on their behalf. They've been forced into an inescapable situation of infringement.

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