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Sent: Thursday, 10 March 2016 3:59 PM
To: LCLC
Subject: Submission to Inquiry into the Road Safety Road Rules 2009 (Overtaking Bicycles) Bill 2015

This e-mail has been sent on behalf of Mr David Charles, 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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As a cyclist, I support safe passing distance laws for cars and trucks overtaking bicycles.

On many occasions I have been passed dangerously close, sometimes even less than 20 cm! This is extremely scary and dangerous.

One thing that deters many people from taking up cycling is that they see it as unsafe to ride in traffic. 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. Having a minimum distance law at which motorists can pass cyclists will go a long way to making cycling safer.

Queensland, ACT and Tasmania have introduced safe passing laws or are trialling them. Victoria needs to also follow their path in the interests of making cycling safer.

An extensive education campaign is needed along with enforcement and stiff penalties where motorists don't comply.

From: David_Bernadine Charles [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 18 March 2016 1:08 PM
To: LCLC
Subject: Submission: Proposed legislation re minimum distances when overtaking bikes

Dr Christopher Gribbin
Secretary
Economy and Infrastructure Committee
Legislative Council
Parliament House
Spring Street
Melbourne VIC 3002

I would like to submit the following.....

As a cyclist, I strongly support safe passing distance laws for cars and trucks when overtaking bicycles.

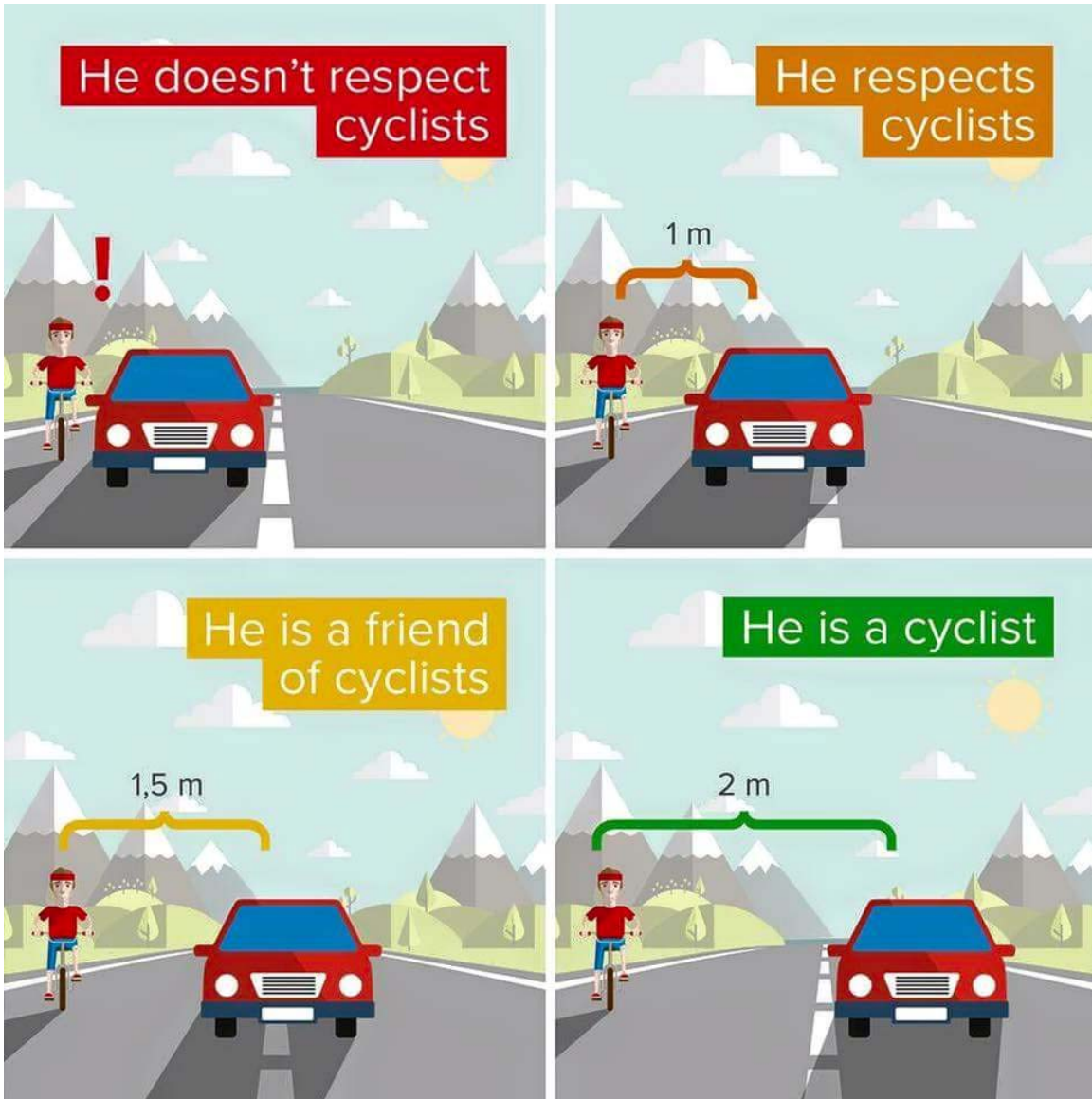
On many occasions I have been passed dangerously close, sometimes even less than 20 cm! This is extremely scary and dangerous, especially when a motor vehicle or truck is passing the cyclist at high speed..

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I've attached a graphic that makes an important point about the correlation between the distance given when overtaking a cyclist and the respect that that distance demonstrates.



Thank you

David Charles

