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Dear committee members,

I am a cyclist that rides his bike every day, 6 days a week.

I use my bike to transport to and from my work place in Melbourne CBD, and I also use it for fitness purposes. I average 10,000 Kms of riding a year, and I have been riding since 1987. I also own two cars which I pay rego for!

I have seen the sport grow in popularity, and seen the cycling infrastructure grow too, but unfortunately not at the same rate as the sport popularity growth.

As a result, commuting paths are congested during peak hours, and rather dangerous due to the mix of rider abilities on these paths. However, I still stick to commute paths where available when commuting to work, as they are safer than the road in one way or another.

but when I am on my early morning fitness rides, I only use roads, as it is too dangerous to ride on bike paths at the speeds that I can get up too.

I have noticed that as the number of riders have increased in the past few years, the more the aggressive behaviour of drivers have become. It is by no means the fault of drivers alone, as I have seen some of the bad behaviour that some cyclists practice on the roads (and same goes for drivers), but never the less, it does not justify putting a human life in danger.

I fully support the 1 meter law, and I also call for more education for motorists, as well as cyclists, as I strongly believe that some of the issues we have can be mitigated through education.

God speed

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