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Hi

I want to express my support of establishing a minimum passing distance legislation as follows:

- Where the speed limit is less than 60 km/h, this should be 1 metre
- Where the speed is greater than 60 km/h, this should be 1.5 metres

There must also be modifications to other laws regarding vehicles overtaking on solid white lines to accommodate the above laws.

The current legislation of 'Sufficient Distance to avoid collision' is inadequate and does not protect vulnerable road users.

The reasons why the law should change is as follows:

- Sufficient Distance is too vague and open to interpretation by both the motorist and by the cyclist - it creates confusion between these road users and therefore conflict due to a lack of understanding from both sides
- The only measure that a motorist has breached the 'Sufficient Distance to avoid collision' is that a collision has occurred - too costly a means to measure that someone has come too close to an already vulnerable road user
- It sets a very tangible expectation for both the motorists and cyclists on exactly what is a "Sufficient Distance to avoid a collision" actually is

Many states, in fact many countries already adopt this. It is time for Victoria to move forward on this.

Regards
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