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- (1) Cycling is an efficient, healthy, sustainable form of transport.
- (2) Cycling should be encouraged.
- (3) In the absence of separated bike-lanes the parliament should take practical steps to remove barriers to cycling.
- (4) Mandating minimum passing distances is one practical step the parliament should implement.
- (5) In my opinion the primary benefit of mandated minimum passing distances is awareness - this is good and sufficient justification for mandated minimum passing distances. The proposed legislation, together with an advertising and publicity campaign will raise awareness of the vulnerability of cyclists when sharing roads with motorised vehicles. This in turn will make it safer for cycling, which should mean more people will cycle. More people cycling is good for the individuals, our community and our State.

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