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Dear Christianne,

An oversight from my submission was that the external mirrors currently fitted to many Australian cars are dangerous in that they seem to lengthen the distance of the reflection they show. They suggest there is adequate clearance to the vehicle behind in the adjacent lane when there may not be. This means that a lane change could be dangerous unless more clearance is allowed than the mirror suggests is needed.

The dangers affect everyone but especially motorcyclists when vehicles cut in front of them without allowing adequate clearance.

The answer would seem to be to have an Australian Design Rule change to require cars' external mirrors to be of the non-distorting variety. I believe many drivers have problems with these mirrors, and together with motorcyclists, would welcome an end to the fitting of these mirrors. Again, thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this discussion.

Regards,

Jenny Tame.

