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Brisbane Qld 4000

Inquiry to review Queensland cycling laws & the interaction between cyclists and motorists.

In relation to this Inquiry we, as an Incorporated Cycling Group, wish to make comment on some matters as follows:

Bicycle Registration.

The consensus of our members is that they are against any move to the compulsory registration of bicycles. One of our reasons being that it would place an undue financial burden on us as most of us are car owners and already pay registration and other related costs. Additionally, we fail to see what value would be gained from such a move except to become another source of revenue for the government and enforcement would be extremely difficult for relevant authorities.

Such a move may assist in the recovery of stolen cycles however there are already free identification systems in place such as engraving owner details on cycle frames.

1 Metre Passing Rule.

We wholly endorse legislation which ensures that motorists allow a minimum 1 metre distance when passing or overtaking a cyclist/s. We also strongly feel that the legislation should be backed up with a suitable penalty and loss of demerit points for failure to comply.

Road Rules in Queensland make no reference to such a distance except that motorists should exercise caution when passing another vehicle ie: a cyclist. No other Australian State specifies a minimum passing distance however they all recommend in Safety Notes that motorists should allow at least a minimum of 1 metre when passing a cyclist.

We also would suggest that the committee ensure that the Driver Training scheme be amended to incorporate a section devoted to the interaction between cyclists and motorists. The current scheme makes a very brief mention of this subject and in future should include reference to the 1-metre passing distance should that become legislated.

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