

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to offer the following suggestions for the consideration of the Committee inquiring into Cycling Issues.

I am a motorist and not a cyclist.

I am a life-long resident of Queensland.

I am over the age of 18.

I offer these suggestions as a result of numerous negative experiences/near misses with cyclists over the years although without collision.

I would suggest:

1 - Cyclists be prohibited from riding two abreast and compelled to ride single file. There is no need for cyclists to ride two abreast and it can be unnecessarily dangerous.

2 - Bicycles be compelled to be equipped with a light at the front of the bicycle and that this light be operating whenever the bicycle is in use. I note motor cyclists must abide by this condition.

3 - Bicycles be compelled to be equipped with a rear red flashing light to be in operation whenever riding. Some cyclists wear dark clothing and blend in with the background. Even during daylight hours they can be difficult to sight. I had this experience recently but, as the cyclist had such a rear flashing light, I noticed the flashing light before I noticed the cyclist.

4 - That cyclists, whenever a motorist approaching from their rear sounds the horn, be compelled to give right of way where practicable to that approaching vehicle

5 - I would request that consideration be given to having bicycles registered. This would provide some means of identification in the event of a cyclist doing wrong. It would also provide insurance cover for a person injured by a cyclist,

Thank you for receiving and considering these suggestions.

Yours faithfully,

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