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Submission to the Inquiry into Cycling Issues

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1. Bicycle injuries and fatalities involving motor vehicles

As a long-term bicycle commuter in Brisbane I have been involved in many potentially serious near miss situations with motor vehicles ranging from small cars to large trucks.

Most of these incidents occurred at uncontrolled intersections.

In most cases a collision was only avoided by me having to take emergency action to avoid being hit even though I had right of way.

I believe motorists need to be informed of the road rules regarding bicycles and that these rules be enforced.

2. The 1m rule

I have been maliciously passed and almost hit by several motorists over the years when there was little or no other traffic nearby. I believe the intent is to intimidate cyclists.

I believe the 1m rule should apply to all motor vehicles overtaking bicycles and be vigorously enforced.

3. Current penalties and sanctions

Bicycles clearly cause less injury and damage than motor vehicles in any accident.

I therefore believe penalties and sanctions for bicycles should be set at a fixed percentage (of say 20%) of the penalties and sanctions for motor vehicles.

4. Bicycle registration

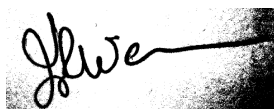
If studies indicate that bicycle registration would reduce the occurrence of bicycle injuries and fatalities involving motor vehicles then I would support it.

I have however had many conversations over the years with motorists hostile to cyclists and have concluded that these motorists are unlikely to change their attitudes at all by registering bicycles.

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