

Parliament of Victoria

Inquiry into the Road Safety Road Rules 2009 (Overtaking Bicycles) Bill 2015

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The Amy Gillett Foundation is
a charity with one purpose –
reducing the incidence of
death and injury of bicycle
riders in Australia

Mission: safe cycling in Australia

Vision: zero bike rider fatalities



AGF Manifesto for safer cycling

3 take action on 3 critical factors

Safer people

Safer roads and speeds

Safer vehicles

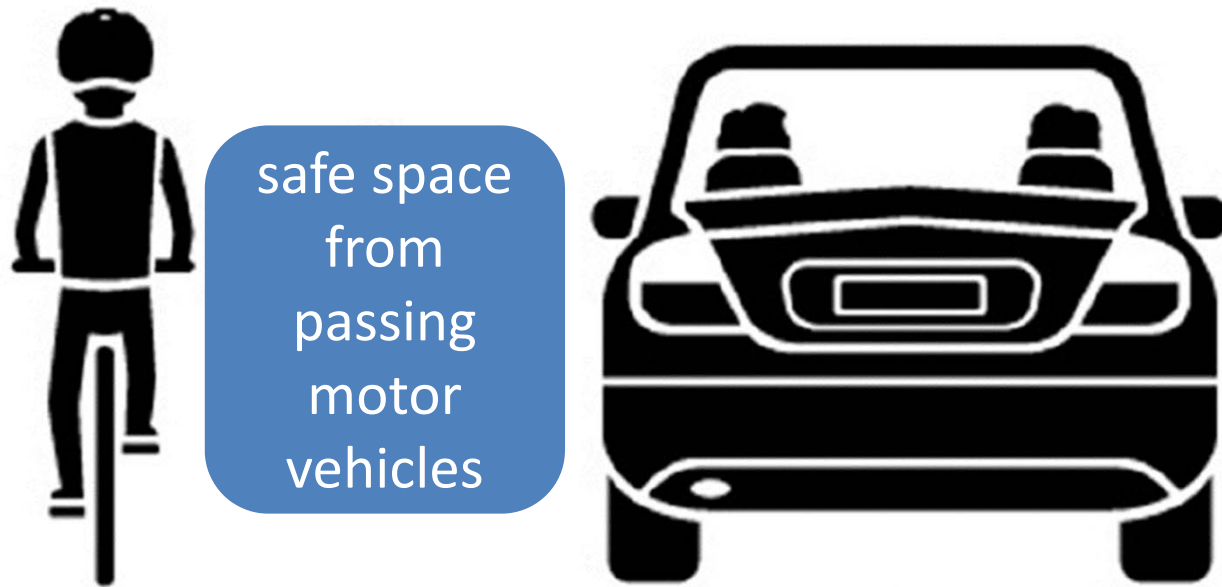
2 work 2gether for safe bike riding

1 a metre matters

0 zero bike rider deaths from 2020



a metre matters = safe space

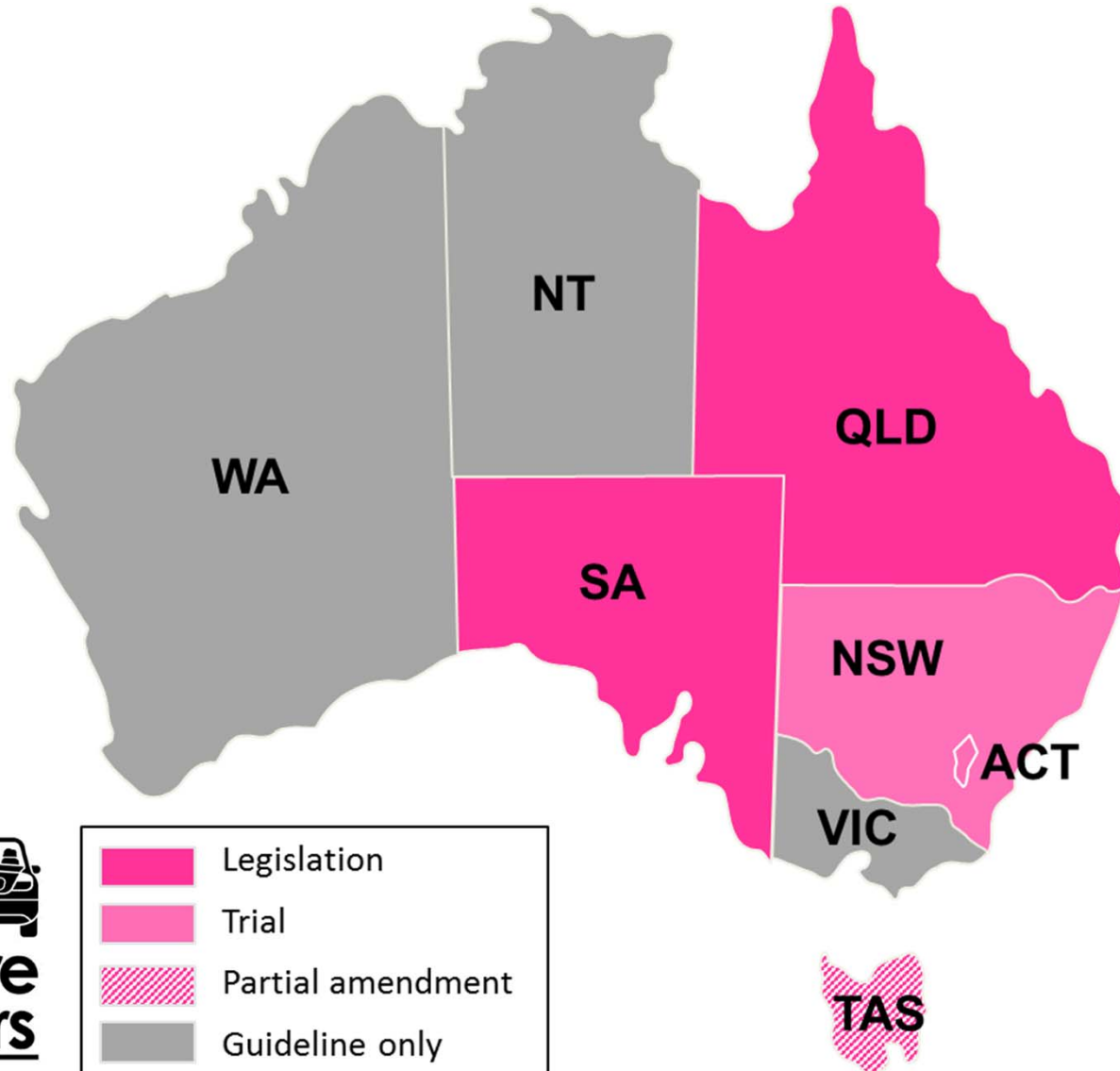
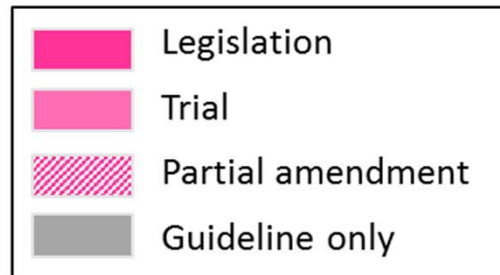


Why a metre matters

- Puts safety first
- Applies to every bike rider on every road in Victoria
- Provides drivers with a clear, identifiable minimum distance
- Reduces the risk of crashes
- Acknowledges bike riders are legitimate road users
- Mandates current Vic guideline



National status



Terms of reference

1. Outcomes and experience
2. Education
3. Enforcement

1. Outcomes and experience

Queensland

Police, cyclists and drivers agree the law has made it safer for cyclists

77% cyclists say drivers give more space when passing

Drivers observed giving cyclists more space:

88%
leave a metre
in 60km zones

79%
leave 1.5m
in 60km+
zones

80% law needed to protect bike riders so they feel safer

Australia **67%** education/communication essential

88% support law to improve safety

Australian Capital Territory **79%** significant change, most motorists provide space



Sources: CARRSQ (2016) Evaluation of the Queensland minimum passing distance road rule.


Amy Gillett Foundation (2015) South Australia Community attitudes research. http://www.amygillett.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/SA-Community-Attitudes-Benchmark-Research-Summary-Oct-2015_final.pdf

Pedal Power (2015) Safer cycling survey results. <http://www.pedalpower.org.au/news/safer-cycling-survey-results/>

Justice and Community attitudes research conducted by the Australian Capital Territory Justice and Community Safety Directorate

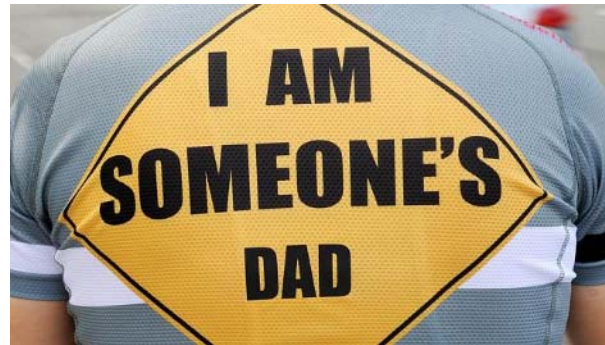
2. Education

**There's
no one
someone
won't miss.**

TOWARDS  ZERO

My partner is a cyclist.
My family are cyclists.
My mum is a cyclist.

I'm a cyclist.
My dad is a cyclist.
My friends are cyclists.



**IF YOU DON'T
SEE HER,
NEITHER WILL
HER FAMILY.**

 **SHARE OUR ROADS**

TOWARDS ZERO
SPEED AND RED LIGHT
CAMERA FUNDED PROJECT
rsc.wa.gov.au



**STUDENT.
SISTER.
RIDES A BIKE.
DRIVERS: PLEASE DON'T
KID AROUND.**

Kinley Kripke — 2nd Grader
Slow and safe around schools: it's elementary.

 **peopleforbikes**
TRAVEL WITH CARE. peopleforbikes.org



**Everyone has the right
to get home safely –
a metre matters**

 **a metre matters**

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Education campaign



3. Enforcement

- Enforcement is important to achieve behaviour change
- CARRSQ evaluation demonstrates it is enforceable
- *'In conclusion, from the perspective of police officers, the introduction of the MPD road rule has improved cyclist safety'* (CARRSQ , 2016: p12)
- Enforcement policies and strategies need to include appropriate training and equipment for Police



Enforcement technology



AGF recommendations

1. Victoria road rules be amended without a trial to specify minimum passing distances of 1m in speed zones up to 60kph and 1.5m in speed zones over 60kph
2. Amendment of complementary road rules
3. Public awareness campaign
4. Stakeholder advisory group
5. If a trial is recommended: scientific evaluation framework, including pre-trial data





A cyclist delays traffic

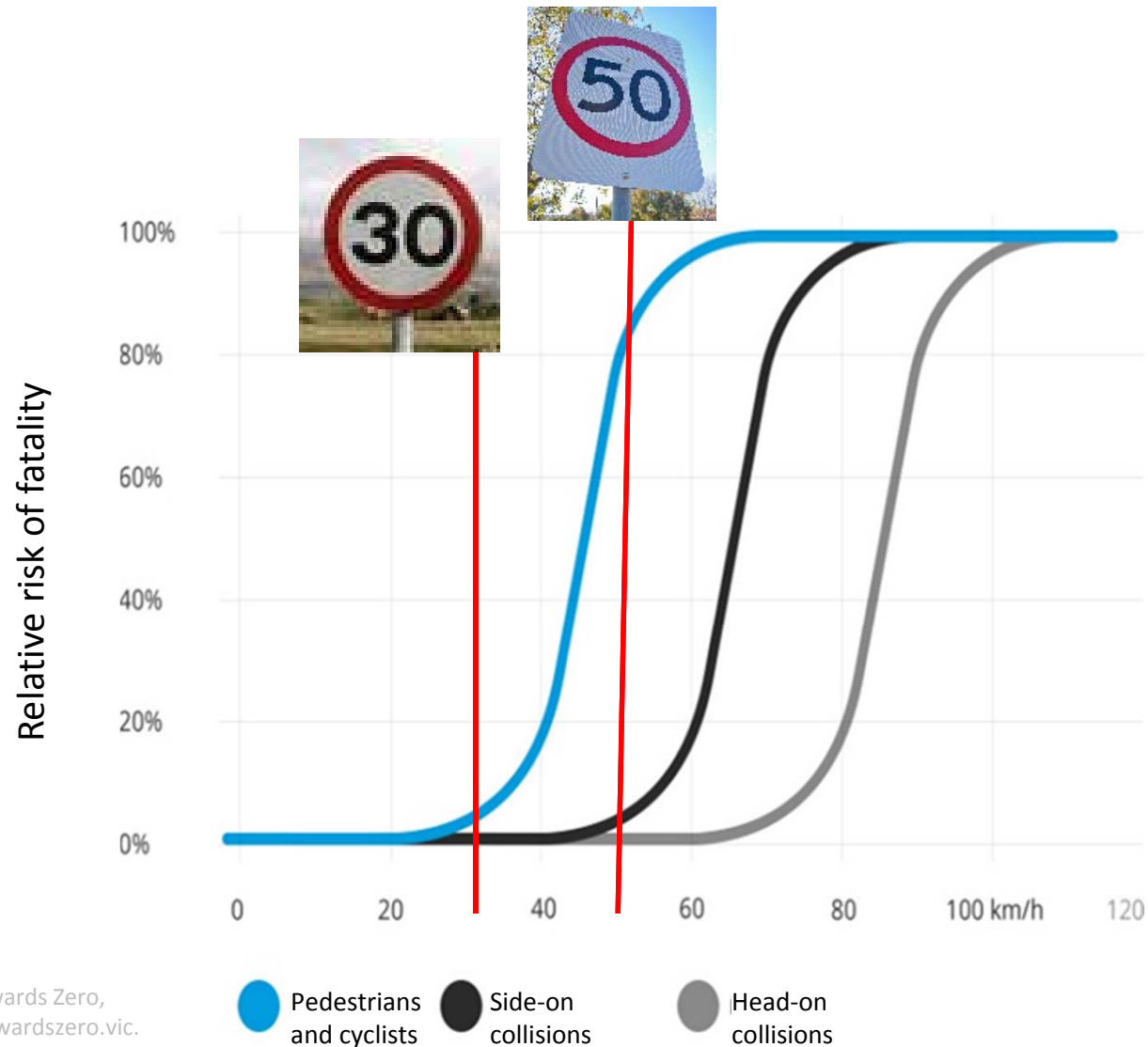


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Physically vulnerable



Source: TAC Towards Zero,
<https://www.towardszero.vic.gov.au/what-is-towards-zero/what-is-towards-zero>



Non-fatal injuries (Queensland)

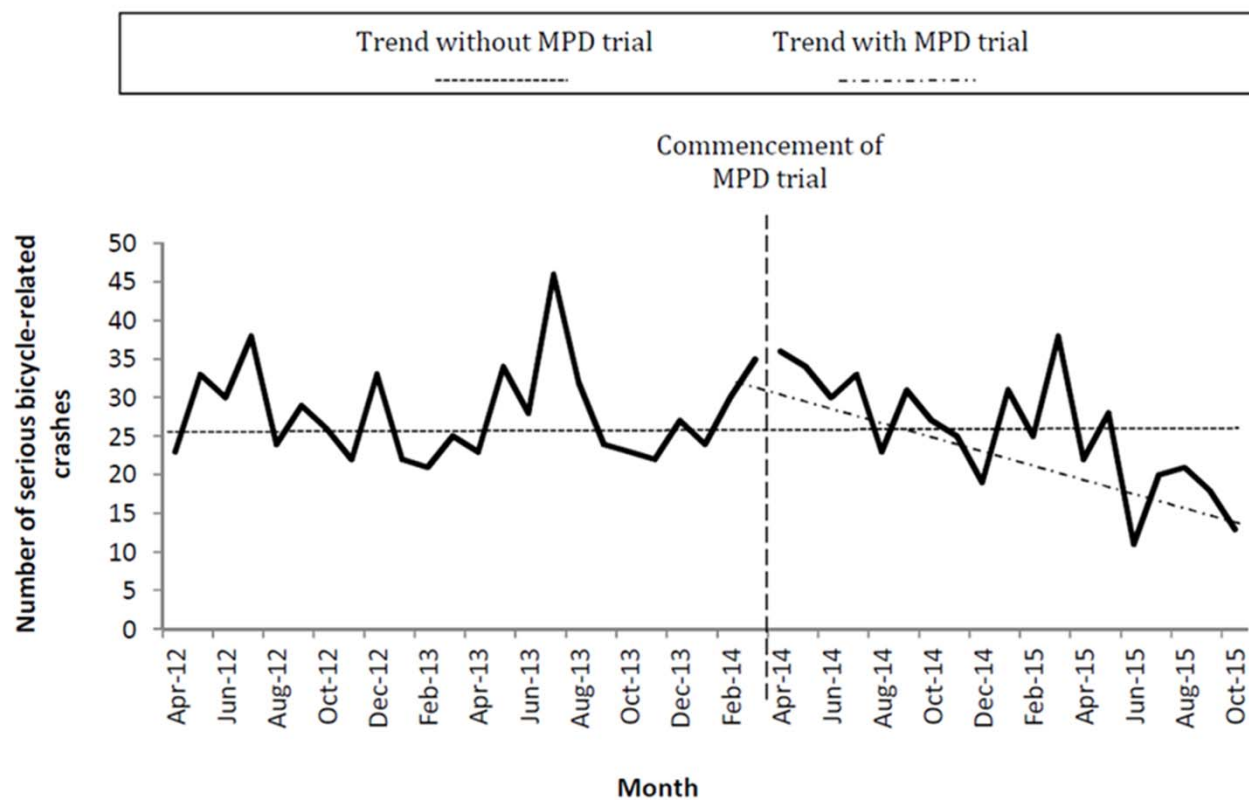


Figure 6.1. Trend in serious bicycle-related injury crashes per month from before and after the MPD trial commenced

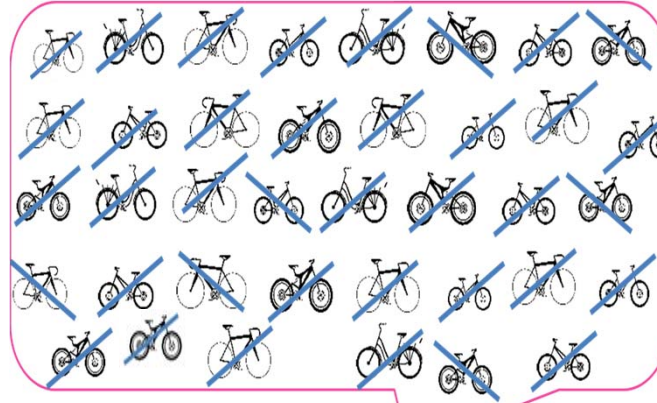


Human cost is too high

car trips
< 5kms

50%

**National
cyclist
trauma**



On average

38 killed every
year (2005-2014)

10,898

hospitalised
2013-2014

**\$ 13.8
billion**

cost of inactivity in
Australia per year

Cycling helps meet
recommended daily activity

**\$ 30
billion**

estimated cost of
congestion by 2030



Source data:
Traffic and congestion cost trends for Australian capital cities, 2015
The National Cycling Participation Survey (NCPS), 2015
Road trauma Australia, 2014 statistical summary BITRE
Australian cycling safety: casualties, crash types and participation levels

Austin, Texas

