

Economy and Infrastructure Committee: Inquiry into Overtaking Bicycles Bill 2015

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Case Study: Submission from Jenica Brooke



Hand out to slap cyclist,
protrudes further than mirror

120cm - Edge to wheel

Mirror protrudes 15cm -
105cm from edge to mirror

60cm wide cyclist

Not more than
15cm clearance,
at most.



Despite compelling evidence, police did not act as “Sufficient distance to avoid a collision” (Reg 144) was maintained. This is not a unique experience for cyclists.

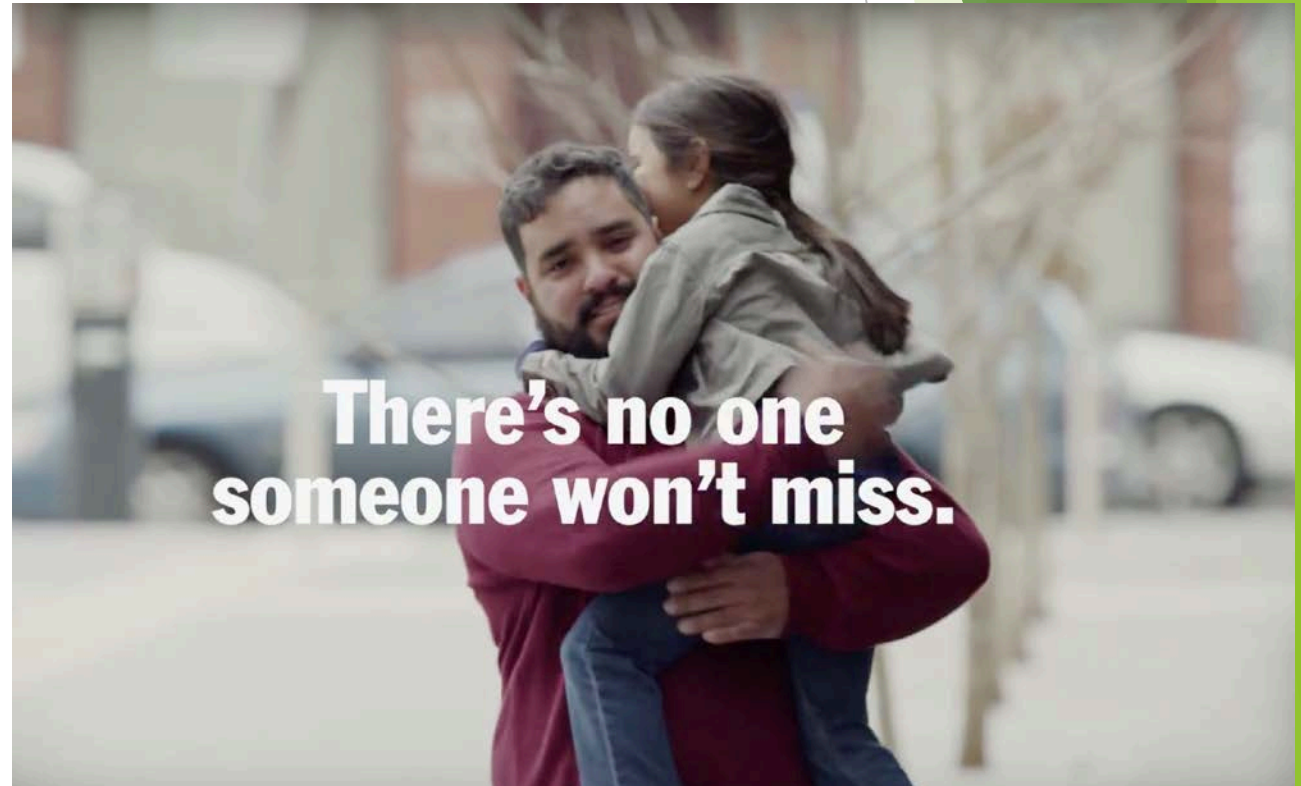
Currently the law states that no offence has occurred unless contact has been made.

Unless preventative action can be taken PRIOR to a fatal incident occurring, we will continue to see cyclists killed on our roads.


MPDL set a clear expectation of what is required. No exceptions, no compromises.

Exemptions create ambiguity and confusion and cause the message to be diluted.

Bicycle Network, RACV, TAC, VicRoads suggested exemptions are not in keeping with cyclists wishes, compromise safety.



Supporting Slides



“Be vigilant when riding alongside parked cars and ride out of the car door zone...”

“...keep your bicycle one metre from the kerb”