Hearings on bicycle passing distances

The Victorian Parliament's Economy and Infrastructure Committee is holding two days of public hearings next week on proposed changes to road safety rules that would introduce specified minimum distances when drivers pass bicycles.

The public hearings will be on Monday 30 May and Tuesday 31 May in Room G6 at 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne.

The Committee will hear from a range of organisations including RACV, Victoria Police, VicRoads, the Transport Accident Commission, road safety groups and bicycle associations.

Videoconference sessions will also be held with interstate and overseas witnesses who will speak about their experience with similar laws in other jurisdictions.

The inquiry is examining the Road Safety Road Rules 2009 (Overtaking Bicycles) Bill 2015.

The bill would require drivers to maintain a gap of between 1 metre and 1.5 metres when overtaking cyclists.

The schedule for the hearings and more details on the inquiry are available from the Committee's website.

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