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Subject: Car dooring

Hi Robert,

I would like to write a submission to support the proposed bill in increase the penalty to 10 penalty units and loss of three demerit points.

I have been hit by a car door before and thrown from my bike and couldn't walk, or work for a month. I still do not have full nerve endings in that area of my leg 6 years later.

I am a commuter rider - preferring to ride than drive. I think we should be encouraging bike riders to ease congesting from cars. I think there should be more education around the impacts car doors have on cyclists - and generally what impacts cars have on bikes in general. Bikes minimise pollution, congestion, increase health and productivity at work - and should be supported and promoted.

I ride along Chapel St, South Yarra most days and am apalled at the lack of care for cyclists - if the laws were more strict, people would gain a better understanding and awareness of riders - and riders would not risk their live every day by drivers. We should not have to risk our lives to make the world a better place by riding.

Thanks for your time,

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