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Hi

As an undergraduate physio student back in the mid-70's I was "doored" while riding down Swanston St, right in front of RMIT - although my bicycle, my body and the rear-side door of the stationary car I was thrown into (stopped at the lights) all suffered some significant damage, there was no cost to the person who did the "dooring".

More recently, like many of the regular cyclists I ride with, I have had several near-misses - thanks only to defensive vigilance that every smart cyclist has to maintain.

While I would be also in favour of some TAC-like driver education campaigns, I cannot help but feel that raising the level of the currently minuscule penalties that apply to the carelessly malicious perpetrators of these frequent assaults on passing cyclists might also help raise awareness and have a positive impact on this behaviour.

Yours

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