

**Submission to Standing Committee on  
Economy and Infrastructure  
Road Safety Amendment (Car Doors) Bill 2012  
from Moreland Bicycle User Group**

Car dooring is a serious danger to cyclists and unfortunately many experience it frequently. The current penalty enforcements do not adequately represent the danger that can occur from car dooring incidents (i.e. hospitalisation or death of a cyclist).

Therefore Moreland Bicycle User Group supports to

- increase the penalty from 3 penalty units to 10 penalty units and
- attach 3 demerit points to the offence of car dooring.

Furthermore, we agree with Melbourne Bicycle User Group that increasing penalties is an important first step in raising awareness but a lot more has to be done.

Moreland Bicycle User Group endorses the submission from Melbourne Bicycle User Group ( Melbourne Bicycle User Group, Submission to Standing Committee on Economy and Infrastructure, Road Safety Amendment (Car Doors) Bill 2012, 27 April 2012) to increase the safety of cyclists and reduce the car dooring by implementing

- safe bike lanes and other infrastructure
- enforcements
- driver education and
- road rules that allow safe cycling.

Regards,

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