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Road Safety Inquiry
Parliament House, Hobart
Attn: Mr Tim Mills
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Dear Sir

ROAD SAFETY FOR BICYCLE USERS

Please may I raise four matters with respect to road safety for bicycle users. Three are car driver's general education and in my opinion should be in the Highway code and the other is road design.

I repeatedly experience:

Cars overtaking me on my cycle and then turning left in front of me causing me to brake suddenly or come off my cycle.

Cars overtaking me then parking the car and opening the driver's door in front of me. I serve to avoid the door and might crash into another vehicle

Cars pulling a trailer of greater width than the pulling car with its driver unaware that the passing distance to the bike is greatly reduced and the cyclist is sucked into the trailer's slipstream.

The surface of the internal metre or so of many Launceston road widths is dreadful for holes, sewer lids, repairs, causing cyclists to swerve and travel further away from the kerb than absolutely necessary. If councils and utilities respected the first metre of road pavement as cyclist only bike lane not for their use, general road safety would be increased.

Yours sincerely

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