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To whom it may concern,

Re: Submission to the Inquiry into Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Amendment Bill 2021 (No 2)

Since the most recent lockdowns due to COVID, my various plans and habits have been upturned and I lost track of the closing date for this submission. I would beg leave to be allowed to put in this short submission shortly after the due date.

I would definitely feel safer if our laws demonstrated that we take vulnerable road user safety seriously. Most people don't realise that when driving a car in a suburban street, they are driving a killing machine: the chances of a pedestrian fatality is greater than 50% when hit by a car travelling at 45 km/hr or more.

I have been involved in collisions with cars where my bike was badly damaged and it was not my fault and no compensation was paid or penalty applied. My bike still bears the scars - some of which didn't become apparent until long after the accident. Vulnerable road users need more protection - by law and by better designed transport infrastructure. We need rules that will increase safety for road users and budgets that more funding for infrastructure for vulnerable users.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Magarey

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