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I support the changes to the legislation as detailed https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/b/db_64493/

As a pedestrian, cyclist, and occasional child guardian who uses public and adjacent to public roads, I and those I have occasional care for are vulnerable road users.

The ACT has a large number of regular car users, and provisions are made for their safety, What is currently lacking is a suitable motivation of some of those road users to be more careful around those road users who are more vulnerable than they are.

This proposal is a first step, in shifting the behaviour of some road users who do not take adequate care in using ACT roads.

The increase in penalties is consistent with the kind of mistake, error, or carelessness that may lead to a vulnerable road user be harmed by the actions of a motor vehicle driver.

It is clear the current penalties are insufficient given community responses to the video of the cyclist on Coulter drive injured when a car towing a trailer cut across lanes.

In addition changing this legislation as proposed would allow the government to signal to current road users that they all need to consider those more vulnerable than themselves, and in addition it may shift some of the animosity that some road users profess to non car users of the ACT roads.

Thank you

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