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Inquiry into the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic
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I think that the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Amendment Bill 2021(No 2) is a valuable bill and should be supported.

As a user of Canberra's cycle paths I am always aware of the chance of being hit by a car. I once had a car cut across me in the city whilst in a green painted cycle path and fortunately slid across the roof and fell off it to the ground on the other side. My bike was bent beyond repair, and the car's door was smashed in. But I only had cuts and scratches. Incredibly lucky.

It is important to protect vulnerable road users, and the bill goes some way to doing that. Making drivers aware that they can't cause serious harm to vulnerable road users and simply get a slap on the wrist is a good start to behavioural change.

I see the fine of \$1600 as reasonable, but not excessive.

I see the point deduction of 3 points also as reasonable, although perhaps too small a penalty for causing serious injuries.

I support using infringement notices as they provide a quick and easily noticeable way of punishing the offender. It also avoids the court system, which is both overstressed and unlikely to consistently apply suitable penalties.

Regards

Robert Dalitz