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## Step 1: Your submission

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No

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Jeremy at Bella E-Bike Hire

### Short comment

As a bicycle rider and also the proprietor of a bike hire organisation, I have significant issues with exempting vehicles with a mass of greater than 3.5.

#### Lower Mass Vehicles

The whole purpose of the legislation is to encourage vehicle importers to favor fuel efficient vehicles. Lower mass vehicles will generally be smaller and have lower emissions. However the legislation has an exemption for larger vehicles that has the effect of making the highest emitting vehicles exempt. This can't be to protect local manufacturing so I'm confused at this contradiction.

#### Rider Safety

Smaller / lower mass vehicles on Australian roads would make the roads safer. My personal experience and reports from my customers and friends say when a large vehicle passes a bicycle it creates more wind turbulence and this can cause a rider to fall. Vehicles being bigger means that there is less space on the road when the driver "squeezes" past a rider and this can cause a rider to fall. A more subjective factor is that larger vehicles seem more likely to "squeeze" past a rider where there is little - I wonder if there is any research on this.

#### Clear Lines of Sight

Larger vehicle, particularly big utes from the US with high bonnets, obstruct the driver's view of the road immediately in front of the vehicle. There have been reports that there is a higher incidence of children being hit by a "truck" when turning right in the US (equivalent to left-hand turns here). A contributing factor is that drivers aren't able to see a child crossing on the side-road or at a turn-lane. Bicycle riders are harder to see from such vehicles and this can cause a collision with dire consequences for the rider.

#### Pollution

Bicycle riders are directly effected by vehicle pollution - it's often in our faces. Lowering pollution levels is a public good but would even more beneficial for bicycle riders.

## Step 2: Contact details

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