

INQUIRY INTO VULNERABLE ROAD USERS

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As a regular cycle commuter from Mt Colah to the City and back daily the following considerations would be my contribution to safety:

- A cycle culture of failing to observe road rules has been allowed to flourish by lack of enforcement.
- Aggressive car driving is perhaps the most likely reason more people choose not to use a bike to commute.
- Facilities for bikes at stations are insufficient for required demand, and rail stations are not accommodating enough for carriage of a bike.
- Head protection using a helmet is the safest option.
- Bike lanes as delivered so far are not the answer until they link up to make journeys such as mine completely separate from other traffic.
- Rail paths would be safe and direct and easy pedalling away from other road users.
- Bunch riding is to be encouraged as it encourages car drivers to be more cautious around the bunch.