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## MINIMUM PASSING DISTANCE DELIVERED

- Introduction of minimum passing distance to commence on 30 November 2017
- Motorists to give cyclists one metre distance on 60km/hr roads and 1.5 metres on roads above 60km/hr
- Safe distance is now specified and will make cycling safer in Western Australia

Bicycling Western Australia has welcomed the State Government's introduction of minimum passing distance effective 30 November 2017.

"Bicycling Western Australia have been supporting the introduction of minimum passing distance for over three years and are very pleased with the State Government commitment," said Debra Graham, CEO Bicycling Western Australia.

"Putting into law what is common sense, this announcement provides both clarity for riders and drivers with a safe distance now specified. Both parties should aim to do the right thing."

Minimum safe passing laws have been operating in Queensland for several years after a successful trial found the law led to safer outcomes for cyclists. New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania have also now implemented the laws bringing Western Australia inline.

"The introduction is part of a broader strategy to improve bike rider's safety and accompany the recent commitment of \$129 million investment into cycling infrastructure from the State Government. Western Australia is set to become a riding destination."

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### About Bicycling Western Australia

Bicycling Western Australia believes that bike riding gives people the freedom to create a healthier future. We are working hard to make bike riding easier, safer and more accessible for all Western Australians.

BWA is an independent membership-based organisation that is focused on getting more Western Australians cycling more often. Our 4,500 members and 11,000 friends help us achieve our mission advocacy, education, community initiatives and cycling events.

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