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Snr Sgt First Lastname
Dee Why Police
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Dear Snr Sgt Lastname,

Re: Event number E62NNNNN

Thanks for taking the time to hear me out the other day regarding my concerns about how this event has been handled by Constable Rookie and the absence of any communication.

The essence of the matter is as follows:

- Both the vehicle CZA-46Q and I on my road bicycle were travelling in a lane together that measures 2.96m wide and we were both contained within the lane
- The vehicle CZA-46Q is stated to be either 1.83m or 2.1m wide (depending on the model year)
- My handlebars are 0.46m wide, not including the overlap of my hands, elbows or shoulders
- It is therefore physically impossible for the driver to have provided the mandated 1m minimum passing distance applying in this instance under NSW Road Rule 144-1.

All these measurements are readily verifiable with a tape measure. A frame-by-frame review of the video (which I recommend you do) gives a clear view of the position of both myself and the 4WD staying entirely within the lane for at least the first part of the overtake.

This appears to have been overlooked by Constable Rookie for reasons I do not understand.

In any case, I was compelled to swerve to avoid either a collision or an extremely close pass, demonstrating that the driver's high risk behaviour failed to meet the broader requirements to overtake a vulnerable road user safely under Rule 144.

At the recommendation of the former CEO of Bicycle NSW, Ray Rice, who has reviewed the original submission and video and is taking an interest in this case in his current role providing advocacy support to the organisation, I have included an additional screen grab from the video, marked up to show the relevant distances more clearly. Viewing the video shows the driver does not alter direction for the duration of the overtaking manouvre.

Once you have reviewed this material please advise when I can attend your offices to make a formal statement.

Thanks for your time and kind assistance.

Best regards,

First Lastname

Cc: Ray Rice, Bicycle NSW

Screen grabs:

Screen grab 1 showing relevant distances at commencement of overtake

