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## **Letter to the Editor (for Clubhouse)**

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Two of the letters published in the August/September 2019 The Road Ahead (*Pros and Cons* and *Rules are rules*) made broad generalisations attacking people who bicycles for their supposed lawlessness, lack of respect for other road users, and then apply bogan "logic" as the basis for suggesting cyclists should pay registration.

Could it be there is such of dearth of correspondence from the RACQ's 1.7 million members members containing reasoned and informed views that The Road Ahead must stoop to printing this dross? Or is it the case this magazine's editorial staff subscribe to these biased, ignorant and self-serving attitudes, which reek of a haughtiness that predisposes motorists to think they have a greater right to occupy the road than other users.

The RACQ needs to demonstrate a more responsible approach by not publishing letters perpetuating the urban myths replayed out in these letters e.g. motor vehicle registration pays for the roads (the truth is its primarily ratepayers and not motorists who pay for roads as more than 80% of Qld roads are owned and maintained by local governments) or that all cyclists are scofflaws (Qld research has shown the majority crashes between adult cyclists and motorists are caused by motorists making illegal manoeuvres).

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