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Dear cyclists & thoughtful citizens,

You may be aware that on January 1 2008 the Department of Infrastructure (via Victorian State Minister for Public Transport, Lynne Kosky) introduced a law banning bikes from peak-hour trains. This ban was introduced in the name of reducing over-crowding, **but bikes on trains are NOT the cause of over-crowding. This ban makes cyclists scape-goats for poor management and funding by the government and rail companies.** The ban is especially ludicrous for V/Line because those trains have special luggage compartments where bikes are stored, so there is no way a bike stops people boarding those trains.

This ban will do nothing to stop inconsiderate jerks who happen to carry bikes on crowded trains, and will only make criminals out of considerate cyclists who need the flexibility that comes with NOT having a blanket ban.

As a society with two major problems facing it, being obesity and the impending oil crisis, it is ludicrous that decisions like this which discourage cycling could even be considered let alone implemented. Please join us in acting to have this ban overturned.

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