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SOME of the complaints about hoons terrorising Mt Glorious, west of Brisbane, are justified.

This is one of the best roads in Australia for motoring enthusiasts. It is scenic and challenging.

However, there is a minority element of motorcyclists and car enthusiasts who treat it as their personal racetrack. They spoil it for everyone.

However, cyclists are also to blame for making the mountain dangerous. They ride two abreast and more, they wobble around on the steep inclines and they often ride out near the centre line.

If you meet one coming around one of the many blind corners you had better be ready to swerve and pray there is not a car coming in the opposite direction.

Cyclists are an endangered species on any road because of the speed differential to the rest of the traffic. But that differential is even higher on this steep 80kmh road where they crawl along.

On Australia Day, hundreds of cyclists hit the mountain in what was referred to by one of the cyclists as an "unofficial race".

They were all over the place, oblivious to the danger they caused other road users.

Even if it was "unofficial", the participants should have informed the police, obtained the necessary permits and provided support vehicles with appropriate warning signs.

The police occasionally harass bikers on the mountain, but they never seem to be available when cyclists are causing mayhem for other motorists.

- **Mark Hinchliffe**

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