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Cyclist awarded \$200,000

A CYCLIST struck by a passing car on an unlit country road will receive more than \$200,000 for his injuries.

Stephen Cox, 22, of Traralgon, was an 18-year-old farmhand riding home from work on 1 August 1996 when he was struck by a passing car. His bicycle had no lights or reflectors and he was wearing dark clothes and an Australian bush hat.

According to his solicitor, Lee Flanagan, the defendant driver did not see Mr Cox until the last moment and the side mirror of the car knocked him off his bicycle. He suffered severe injury to the brachial plexus, rendering his left arm almost useless.