I have been riding for about 6 years, I had lived in California with an air cooled bike for a few years, seeing the change in how drivers reacted to motorcycles and how everyone gave extra space when stopped in traffic proved to me that this is a necessity. Lane splitting make drivers more aware of motorcycles on a day to day basis. Also having an air cooled bike I can't just simply sit in traffic for an hour, I would wear out my motor allot faster.