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**Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety**

Question on notice:

*Are you aware of any changes in the rates of death or serious injury since the repeal of exemptions in 1992 in New South Wales?*

Unfortunately, AMA (NSW) is not aware of any changes since the repeal of exemptions in 1992. Research consistently shows that helmet use significantly reduces the risk of head injuries and fatalities. Mandatory helmet use is a critical public health measure that significantly reduces head injuries and fatalities among motorcyclists, e-scooter users, and cyclists. These laws protect vulnerable road users, alleviate healthcare costs, and improve community health outcomes.