

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY IN NSW

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StaySafe Committee Inquiry into Motorcycle Safety in NSW

Dear Sir/Madam

NRMA Motoring and Services appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above Inquiry. NRMA represents around 2.4 million motorists in NSW and has advocated on safety for all road users for many decades.

NRMA made a submission to the *Vulnerable Road Users - Inquiry into Motorcycle and Bicycle Safety* in 2010 and this submission references the motorcycle section of that submission as background for this Inquiry. NRMA is pleased that many of its recommendations in regard to motorcycles in the 2010 Inquiry have been actioned.

NRMA makes the following recommendations in regard to this Inquiry-

1. That the NSW Government carries out research on the effectiveness of traction control on motorcycles, particularly when fitted to high-powered bikes. Intuitively, prevention of loss of traction in single track vehicles should have major benefits in crash prevention. Introduction of the technology has been slow but there should now be adequate numbers of motorcycles fitted with the technology to enable an analysis to be carried out.
2. That the NSW Government, in conjunction with NRMA Motoring & Services and key motorcycle stakeholders, undertakes a Motorcycle Demonstration Project to show what can feasibly be achieved in terms of improving safety for motorcycles on a section of NSW road popular with riders. There is a range of improvements that can be made to road surfaces, intersection design and road furniture that could benefit motorcyclists in reducing crash rates and injury. It would be valuable to trial these so as to be able to quantify the benefits.
3. That the NSW Government reviews results from the installation of rub rails under W barriers as early as possible to ensure any benefits in reduced motorcycle injuries can be accrued quickly. Motorcycle stakeholders should be involved in this review so they can contribute their knowledge and experience to the analysis.



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