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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY IN NSW

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From: fiona field [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 7 September 2015 8:50 AM
To: StaySafe
Subject: Motorcycle Rider Safety

Dear Sir/Madam,

I read in the paper that you are conducting an inquiry into vulnerable road users, including motorcycle riders.

I am a motorcycle rider and I have been riding for many years now. My young son also began riding after growing up going on the back of the motorcycle with me.

My son who is now 20 years old was hit by a car while riding to work on the 28/7/2015. He was seriously injured and had numerous surgeries and blood transfusions. His right leg was very damaged and had to be amputated.

My son was travelling straight when a car turned right across the intersection after a truck flashed her to go and she hit my son.

Our life has changed so much since the accident. My son is now in a wheelchair, he has one leg and he's on a lot of pain medication. He has to attend physio regularly and he can no longer work and will lose his apprenticeship. He was a second year landscape/construction apprentice at the time of accident.

The police officer in charge of the matter had no knowledge of serious accidents which I found frustrating and I felt in fairness to my son Crash Investigation should have been called in and I believe experienced police officers should handle major collisions like this.

My friend's 23 year old son was knocked off his motorcycle a week after my son's accident. His aorta was torn and his arms broken. He is still in hospital and I am told that the driver who hit him was on the phone.

I am of the belief as a rider that car driver's need to be educated on sharing the roads with motorcyclists and be made aware of the consequences of a lapse in concentration and of going through when someone waves you through without checking for other vulnerable vehicles first.

My son's life has been ruined just because he travelled to work on his motorcycle on the 28/7/2015. The car driver's life will go on unaffected by this. Maybe when you are involved in an accident like this you should be required to pass an additional driving test because my son will have to go through all that now. He has a long way to recovery.

With regards,

Fiona Field.