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INQUIRY INTO VULNERABLE ROAD USERS

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Inquiry into vulnerable road users,

I have ridden a motorcycle for many years mainly in the area where I live at the above address. Some of the problems that are encountered are;

Diesel spilt on roads often from trucks shifting equipment. When mixed with water is a real danger.

Many of the roads in the Hawkesbury are in poor condition, pot holes not repaired, broken edges, an accumulation of loose gravel at intersections not removed.

There are a lot of unnecessary obstructions in many of ^{the} back streets around Windsor. That are a hazard ~~for~~ bike riders.

Road side barriers may be OK for cars but are a death trap for a motor cyclist. The "chase cutter" wire rope barriers are a hazard. The Aruco type barrier is just as big a danger. I understand the original design used two rails which covered to posts down to the ground.

The training necessary to obtain a motor cycle licence is good.

Young riders & some not so young, riding in a manner or speed beyond their ability will always be a threat to their survival. I believe there should be easy access to race tracks and other places where riders can go fast under the safest conditions & plenty of training available. This may help stop (young riders in particular) from using public road for high speed riding. Motor cycles should make some noise to make them more noticeable to other road users.

I have ridden many different motor cycles, one in particular had almost no "presence" on the road. Other road users didn't seem to "see" me or my bike. It was such a worry to me that I sold the bike (an old Triumph) and bought a Harley. On this bike I was noticed & didn't no longer had the problem of being harassed by other road users. Many roads, probably most, are not banked on bends & in fact slope the opposite way creating an unnecessary additional hazard for motor cycles, particularly in the wet.

Hope we see some improvements in the future. The continuous process of lowering speed limits is a cheap band aid approach & no substitute for well designed & maintained roads.

Regards,

Ken Anderson

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