



Bicycle Network Mandatory Helmet Review

Opinion of Evan Humble Manager at Evan's Motorcycle Training

1. *Do you believe it should be mandatory to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle? (If you believe it should be mandatory at some times but not others please describe when.)*

NO

2. *What's your reasons for your answer to question one?*

All reasons based on my own personal experiences:

- *37 Years of cycling in Australia, no injuries to myself or others irrespective of whether I was wearing a helmet or not*
- *Safe accident and injury free 10 years on motorcycles with 7 years as Motorcycle teacher*
- *Hats and helmets may not fit securely and safely or may interfere with wearers visibility*
- *Headlamps and helmets may not fit well together*
- *Hearing difficulties from Wind noise caused by straps*
- *Helmet hair*
- *Effects on skin and scalp health*
- *Overheating on hot days a problem especially for elderly and those with other health problems*
- *Attachments to helmets for added sun protection such as neck flaps can result in dangerous vision impairing saccadic masking type effect, as well as distracting wind noise.*
- *When raining can't wear helmet and rain jacket hood easily or change comfortably when on/off bike*
- *Compulsory helmet laws reduce the number of people riding bicycles which correlates with lower cyclist safety statistics, more vehicles, car centric roads, cities and urban planning along with pollution*
- *Damage to good will relationship between police and citizens*
- *Sharing bike share helmets can be off putting or unhygienic especially with rain or sweat*
- *Convenience not having to lock up, carry helmet, take on off*
- *Enjoyment, pleasure and mental health benefits from riding without helmet*
- *Time consuming anxiety causing road side police discussions sometimes leading to both District and Magistrates Court appearances where I have successfully defended myself against the mandatory helmet law due to health wearing hat instead and my refined legal skills*

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3. *Do you provide consent for your opinion to be made public?*

Yes

4. *If no, are you happy if we say you provided an opinion but didn't want it made publicly available?*

Yes No

Signed:

Date: 14 October 2017

Please send completed form to craigr@bicyclenetwork.com.au before 5pm, Friday 13 October, 2017.

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