



***Bicycle Network Mandatory Helmet Review,
Opinion of Mark Rossiter, CEO, PFL Spaces***

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?*

1. *The safest places to ride in the world don't have high helmet use (read about northern Europe).*
2. *PPE is the final line of risk prevention, we are using it as the primary method. Infrastructure and culture are more important elements to safety, than helmets.*
3. *If it is about safety, strict liability would be a cheaper and a more effective way to achieve these ends.*
4. *Good ideas catch on/ others copy (civil rights movement, soap, iodised salt. Kings and queens are no longer 'owning' countries/people etc), Compulsory helmet laws are +25 years old in Australia and so far, the world is not racing to copy us. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bicycle_helmet_laws_by_country*
5. *People are free to drink and smoke themselves to death (or bad health), let people take responsibility for their lives on bikes too (and feel the wind in their hair, if they want to, from time to time).*

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?*

NA

Signed: 

Date 12/10/17

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