



Hi Craig,

I've pasted the current WestCycle position on helmets below. Doesn't mean it won't change in the future and I've always said it needs a deep dive into the pro's and con's as Bicycle Network are currently doing (big kudos to you), so it's likely we'd wait to see any outcomes of that before re-assessing. I understand there are arguments on both sides, my biggest fear is that it becomes the single focus of discussion and removes debate around other more achievable initiatives in the short-term.

Feel free to give me a shout if you want to discuss further.

WestCycle supports the existing mandatory helmet legislation. Whilst there are arguments on both sides we would rather focus on the measures we know will make a significant improvement to cycling in Western Australia. As it currently stands it's a legal requirement to wear a helmet and WestCycle strongly promotes that ALL cyclists should be obeying the Western Australia road rules. WestCycle stands for reducing the number of serious bicycle injuries every year and there are many measures that impact this goal, helmets being one. The discussions around abolishing regulations have the potential to take oxygen out of the progress we are making on infrastructure investment, participation, and education and it's these advancements that will help create a safer cycling environment. As a result WestCycle will focus on working with the Government and cycling community on the initiatives that are providing great momentum to the advancement of cycling in WA.

Regards,
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