



APPENDIX 2 – Expert opinion

The following is a summary table of the positions of each expert who gave permission for their opinions to be published publicly. Their full expert opinion can be found on the [Bicycle Network helmet policy review website](#).

Expert opinion	Position summary - Do you believe it should be mandatory to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle?
1. Alan Todd, Freestyle Cyclists	It should not be mandatory to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle under any circumstances.
2. Amy Gillet Foundation	The Amy Gillett Foundation supports the current Australian legislation for mandatory helmet use by all bicycle riders.
3. Bob Morris, Mountain Bike Australia	I do believe it should be mandatory to wear a helmet at all times when riding a bicycle.
4. Ceri Woolsgrove, European Cyclists' Federation	No
5. Chris Gillham, Cycle-helmets.com	Helmet wearing should be voluntary among all ages in all circumstances.
6. Prof. Chris Oliver, Physical Activity for Health Research Centre, University of Edinburgh	No – you should wear a helmet if you wish to. The law should not be mandatory
7. Prof. Chris Rissel, University of Sydney	No
8. Ed Hore, Cycle.org.au	No. People should be able to choose for themselves whether they believe it's appropriate to wear a helmet or safe not to. Mandatory Helmet Laws should be abolished, for all ages, and for all levels of riding.
9. Dr Dorothy L Robinson, Cycle-Safe	A substantial body of evidence shows that helmet laws discourage cycling. Helmet laws also reduce the viability of Bike-Share Schemes resulting in lost health, safety and environmental benefits.
10. Dr Elliot Fishman, Institute for Sensible Transport	I believe there is insufficient evidence to make it clear one way or the other that helmets should be mandatory or not. There are pieces of evidence, but not the full body of evidence necessary to make a decision with such important ramifications.
11. Evan Humble, Manager at Evan's Motorcycle Training	NO
12. Garry Lever, Bike Safe Geelong	Should be mandatory at all times.
13. Associate Professor Jake Olivier, University of NSW	Yes
14. James Steward	I do not believe it should be mandatory to wear a helmet to ride a bicycle, except to compete in an organised race.



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15. Jerril Rechter, CEO VicHealth	VicHealth believes there is a strong case for cyclists to continue to be required to wear bike helmets. Bike helmets remain an important measure to reduce injury and improve safety for one of our most vulnerable road users, cyclists.
16. Julie Rudner, Senior Lecturer, La Trobe University	No
17. Professor Kay Tesche, University of British Columbia	No
18. Laval Chung	Absolutely
19. Mark Rossiter, PFL Spaces	No
20. Matt Fulton, WestCycle	WestCycle supports the existing mandatory helmet legislation.
21. Maurie Abbott, Banyule BUG	I think it is highly advisable to wear a helmet when riding a bike. However, I think it should be optional for riders using the public bike systems because these systems will never achieve a high level of usage until people can use them without all the helmet issues.
22. Mikael Colville-Anderson, CEO Copenhagenize Design Co.	It should not be mandatory for any citizen to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.
23. Professor Peter G. Furth, North Eastern University Boston	No
24. Dr. Robert Teunisse, President Townsville BUG	No (personal opinion, not that of Townsville BUG)
25. Rodney Judson, Director Trauma at Royal Melbourne Hospital	Yes, always
26. Sue Abbott, Freedom Cyclist Blog	No
27. Sundance Bilson-Thompson PhD – Freestyle Cyclists Inc.	I do not believe it should be mandatory to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle in all circumstances. There may be some circumstances where helmet use is a sensible precaution, and there may be some case for mandating that children wear helmets, but they shouldn't be mandatory for all cyclists of all ages in all circumstances.
28. Troy Parsons	Having seen the world, and how well it works with a welcoming and inclusive attitude towards riding a bike, I strongly oppose MHL.