

National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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Submission Text:

Cycle helmets - objection to helmet legislation.

Please refer

Clarke CF, refer Civil Liberties Australia web site, 25 Nov 2008, Mandatory can have unexpected consequences, see Article.

<http://www.cla.asn.au/Article/081125BikesHelmetPolicy.pdf>

<http://www.cla.asn.au/0805/index.php/articles/2008/mandatory-can-have-unanticipated-consequ>

The BMA reported that adults cycling in Victoria dropped by 40% following legislation (Cycle helmet BMA June 1999, p24). Helmet legislation involves many issues, cycling levels, health, safety, enforcement issues, fines, accident compensation, civil liberties and legislation has a negative effect and therefore it is not justified or welcome.

All laws should be justified, based on a full assessment of their effects. Australia has failed to provide a full assessment. Only laws that can be fully justified should be required.

Please refer

Clarke CF, The Case against bicycle helmets and legislation, VeloCity

Munich, 2007. <http://www.ctcyorkshirehumber.org.uk/campaigns/velo.htm>

This report details in the Appendix the many mistakes made by Australia in introducing legislation.