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Motorcycle Safety Levy

The Tasmanian Road Safety Council has said it is appalled at the defeat of motorcycle safety levy legislation in the Legislative Council. The chairman of the Council, Doug Parkinson, MLC, said today that the defeat of the legislation was a classic case of good public policy being overridden by short-sighted thinking.

“This was not a government grab for revenue, but a genuine attempt to address an important road safety issue.

“It was especially aimed at tackling the issue of dormant motorcycle licences where owners may not have ridden a motorcycle for some time and who may pose a hazard both to themselves and other road users,” Mr Parkinson said.

“The blocking of this legislation has put the entire road safety package at risk, including power-for-weight measures and a crucial education initiative.

“This is a sad day for road safety in Tasmania and shows how little regard some of our politicians have for measures which could have made an important contribution to reducing the State’s road toll.”

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