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Dear Dr. Woodruff Rosalie,

Thank you for your question on behalf of your constituents Anna and Adrian on 5 November 2025.

In March 2024, under the Australian Consumer Law, the Australian Government made new safety standards for bicycle helmets. Since that time, those safety standards have applied in all Australian States and Territories (including Tasmania).

The new safety standards were subject to an 18-month transition period, during which earlier standards continued to apply, to allow sufficient time to adjust to the changes. The end of the transition period means that across Australia, from 21 September 2025, bicycle helmets need to comply with these new safety standards before they are sold.

The *Road Rules 2019* are administered by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, and I have therefore sought his advice. The *Road Rules 2019* prescribe the standard for approved bike helmets on Tasmanian Roads. Updates to the regulations were delayed by the calling of the 2025 election and the subsequent caretaker period.

The *Road Amendment (Approved Bicycle Helmets) Rules 2025* were gazetted on 2 December 2025. Therefore the *Road Rules 2019* now reflect the new safety standard.

Yours sincerely

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