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Attention: Mr Tim Mills.

Dear Tim,

My name is Jon May. I live in Portarlington, Victoria and have ridden and raced motorcycles for 53 years. I am also a regular Tasmanian tourist/motorcyclist.

Over the years I have visited lovely Tasmania on my motorcycle and 4X4 and have driven all over the island and done hundreds, if not thousands of kilometres on and off the bitumen.

My riding on the mainland has been by motorcycle and I have travelled to all states on all types of roads. One road safety issue that stands out, especially in Victoria, is the obsession with Wire Rope Barriers (WRB). They are in most states, but not as prevalent as Victoria. It is noted that WA has allocated many millions of dollars replacing WRB. We, on the mainland have experienced many a motorcyclists who die in collisions with other motor vehicles *and* WRB. Unfortunately the Police reporting of accident detail is not such to apportion blame for deaths solely on WRB, but their contribution in such, is that it cannot be disregarded.

With Tasmania being a mecca for Motorcyclists, the upgrading for road safety in the near future would do itself justice to incorporate concrete barriers where possible and thereby creating a safer road infrastructure for Motorcyclists and vehicles alike.

Damien Codognotto OAM, spokesperson for MRAA has drawn attention to many case studies both International and National where deaths on the roads put doubt on the safety per se of WRB.

I as a seasoned rider would/do feel much safer and comfortable riding on roads that are buffeted on the sides and centre (where required) by concrete barriers. I believe this will be the sentiments delivered by other Motorcyclists submissions to this inquiry.

Regards  
Jon May