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To: Mr Tim Mills
Inquiry Secretary
Parliament House, HOBART 7000

Dear Mr. Mills

I wish to contribute my thoughts on one aspect of the inquiry that's concerned me for some years. The call for Wire Rope Barriers (WRB's) to be further scaled up and rolled out statewide is very insensitive to the needs of a large section of Tasmanian road users, motorcyclists. WRB's are being touted as a panacea and 'quick fix' to road accidents woes.

WRB's are extremely dangerous to motorcyclists who don't have collision protection in the same way cars and trucks etc. afford their occupants. Hitting a WRB on a motorcycle will not result in the same outcome as when a car or truck hits the same obstacle. At the very least there will be a serious injury. At worst, instant death.

I am aware of motorcyclists having died in these circumstances, including one here on the North West Coast on Lillico Straight near Devonport some a few years back. Apparently, I'm told be first responders, the accident scene was a stomach churning, sickening sight.

I realise the RACT do not represent motorcyclists per se but they should at least be aware of the implications of erecting these structures on our roads as should our Infrastructure Minister, who also strongly supports them.

I'm not against structures of some kind being utilised, just not WRB's. Let's face it. They are seen as a quick and 'easy' solution. To a motorcyclists who's been riding since 1971, they are a potential death trap. There are better solutions. It would pay to look at best practice elsewhere, particularly Europe, to find better, more appropriate alternatives.

Kind regards

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