

INQUIRY INTO VULNERABLE ROAD USERS

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Motorcycling transport in NSW

It is clear that motorcycle and bicycle are more environmentally friendly, more economical transport compared to a car, especially useful in urban environment. Their use reduces congestion and road damage.

I have just returned from a trip to Europe where motorcycles, scooter and bicycle use is very common and I find it striking and strange that in Australia, especially in NSW its use is not encouraged to say the least.

There are some simple things which could change that:

- more compulsory subsidized training for new riders to improve safety
- more bike awareness training for new car drivers
- reduced road toll to reflect reduced road use/congestion
- motorcycle friendly road design excluding wire barriers (wire barriers are extremely dangerous) and including bike friendly features
- allowing parking on footpath (it works very well in Victoria, why not in NSW?)
- reduced parking fees which proved to be a great idea in the city of Sydney
- allowing use of bike paths on the roads where safe.
- reduced registration fee and CTP