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MEDIA RELEASE

The Tasmanian Motorcycle Council has called for

IDENTIFICATION OF CYCLISTS.

While the majority of cyclists obey the law there is an element within the cycling fraternity that continually do not.

They obstruct vehicles travelling on the road; while travelling in a group doing far less speed compared to other vehicles, they will not move into single file to allow vehicles to pass. Cyclists use the excuse that they are entitled to ride two abreast on the road, while failing to accept that they are unreasonably obstructing traffic, which is illegal. Despite it being legal for cyclists to travel two abreast and laws allowing other vehicle to cross double lines to pass when safe to do so, irresponsible and discourteous rider behaviour puts cyclists and other road users at risk.

The TMC has received many complaints from motorcyclists, car drivers, bus drivers and truck drivers about cyclists who behave irresponsibly.

The Tasmanian Motorcycle Council would like to see cyclists be identifiable so that the cyclists who break the law can be identified and proceeded against.

Traffic offences that are continually being broken are shown below. TMC believes this is caused by lack of education and enforcement.

Traffic Offences

Offence	Legislation	Fine	Code	Item	Penalty Unit
Cyclist unreasonably obstructing the path of other driver/pedestrian	RR 125(1)	\$81.50	B819	174	0.5
Cyclist ride without due care and attention	RR 367(1)	\$122.25	BC11	441	0.75
Cycle without reasonable consideration for other road users	RR 367(2)	\$81.50	BC12	442	0.5
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Cyclist not seated astride and facing forward	RR	245(a)	\$81.50	BA97	330	0.5
Cyclist riding with no hands on handlebars	RR	245(b)	\$81.50	BA97	330	0.5
Cyclist seated other than on seat	RR	245(c)	\$81.50	BA98	331	0.5
Cyclist fail to ride in bicycle lane	RR	247(1)	\$122.25	BB01	335	0.75
Cyclist cause traffic hazard (moving into path of driver/pedestrian)	RR	253	\$122.25	BB22	345	0.75
Ride bicycle with no warning device in working order	RR	258(b)	\$81.50	BB38	356	0.5

The Tasmanian Motorcycle council would like the Road Safety Advisory Council look into cyclists being identifiable while riding.

Identification could be that cyclists over 18 years of age.

- To wear a number for identification purposes.
- Reflective numbering of the cycle's helmet.

Identification could be funded through the road safety levy.

Regards

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