

## New Submission to Inquiry into the Increase in Victoria's Road Toll

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Hello all

I would like to submit my personal observations of wire rope barriers.

Firstly what is behind the prolific installation of WRB, it appears to be an obsession in Victoria. Yet while traveling along a road with WRB it is very difficult to determine the reasons for a lot of installations, there seems to be no method or consistent logic in where they are placed.

As a motorcyclist the WRB's are dangerous and it is as simple as that.

Every WRB I have seen has Uprights which protrude beyond the width of the wire meaning sliding along a WRB would result in possibly striking every upright rather than a smooth surface unlike for example the smooth surface of the traditional armco barrier, I think this is a serious issue.

Obviously the wire component is a safety issue to motorcycles so I wont even go there today. My major concern with the barriers is being forced to be contained on the roadway and this includes the ones with a WRB in the centre of dual lanes as well. I can state very confidently that should I run off a road which I never have, I would much rather take my chances threading my vehicle around trees, obstacles etc with a very good chance of striking nothing, than being forced into striking the barrier then being forced back into traffic or worse into the path of oncoming traffic especially on a motorcycle. I just cannot accept this danger created by the forced containment made much worse by the prolific installation in Victoria. I travel Maroondah hwy between Healesville and coldstream daily, curenly WRB's and armco's are being installed as I write this.

WRB's have been installed on straight stretches of road alongside a 1 to .5 metre earth bank ??? Then further along there is lengthy Armco barrier installed so in the case of breakdown or some sort of difficulty a vehicle cannot move out of danger to the side of the highway when needed and is instead trapped in the path of passing traffic. I just do not see the proclaimed safety benefits of the prolific installation at all except in the case of a steep drop at a roadside.

Regards

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