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to Executive officer;

I am writing in reference to the forthcoming motor-cycle - safety inquiry.



I am a motor-cyclist and have been for over twenty-years - I'd like to share my views and opinions if I may.

I wear a bright yellow vest and have received many comments re-being noticed while riding my motor-cycle - does this actually improve being noticed by other road-users - yes and no / Many people now wear reflective vests - and to many it's not as noticeable -

I'd like to ask - why motor-cycle dealers those who sell motor-cycles - why isn't there some incentive to offer a discount for advanced motor-cycle - rider - training courses - perhaps with some type of government assistance.

Perhaps even the offer of supplying protective motor-cycle clothing with the purchase of the motor-cycle - but where is the initiative?

Why - one has to ask - is most motor-cycle clothing offered for sale in dark colours?

Has anyone given any consideration to first-aid-training with regards to the sale of motor-cycles - once again what's in it for the motor-cycle shops to sell and offer a few extras regarding safety; training; with some financial assistance.



Let's look the risks associated with travelling on a motor-cycle in a School-zone - It's assumed to be 40 km/h - try riding a bike in a narrow street when parents are only concerned with collecting their children and nothing else.

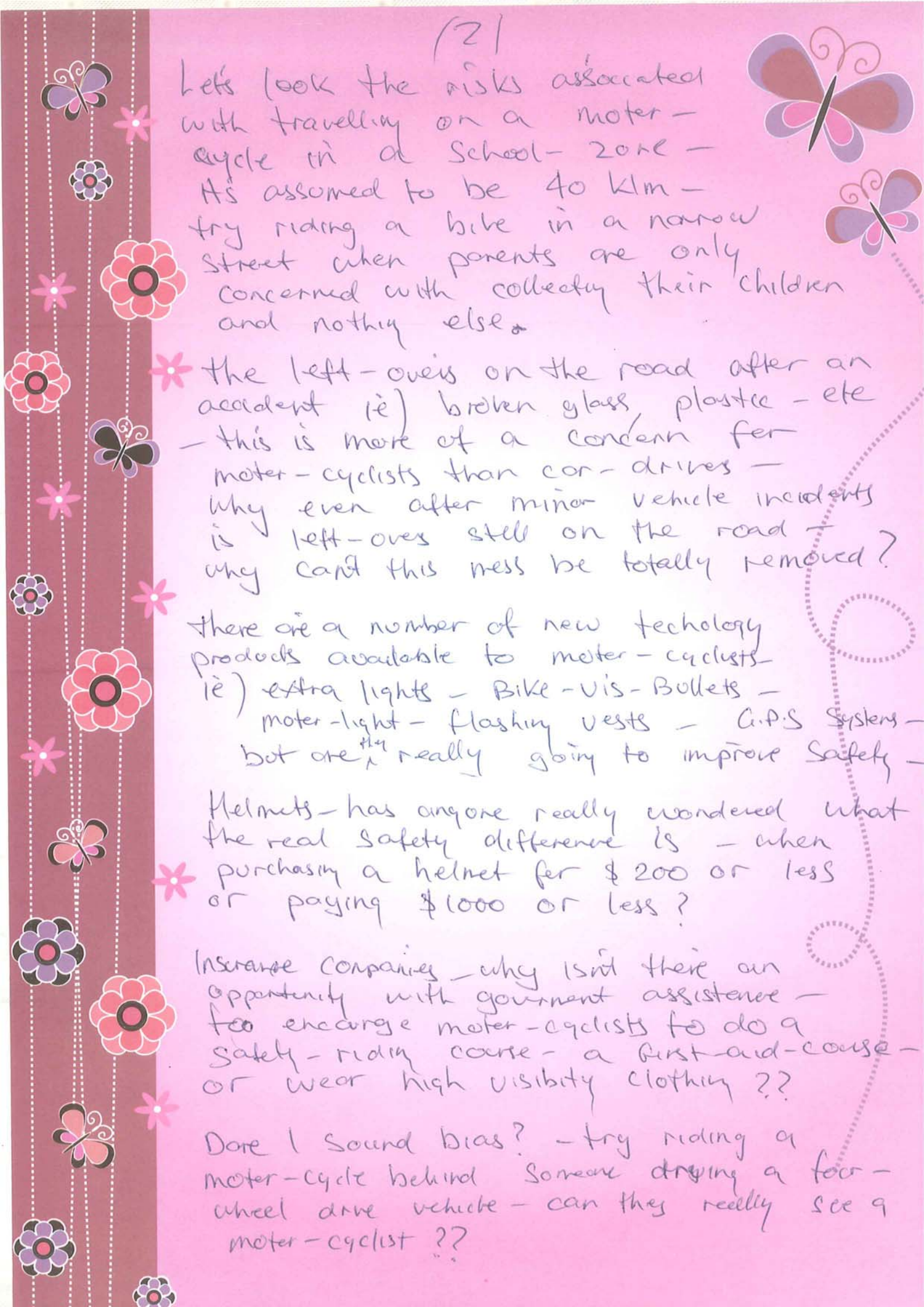
the left-overs on the road after an accident (ie) broken glass, plastic - etc - this is more of a concern for motor-cyclists than car-drivers - why even after minor vehicle incidents is left-overs still on the road - why can't this mess be totally removed?

there are a number of new technology products available to motor-cyclists (ie) extra lights - Bike-Vis-Bullets - motor-light - flashing vests - G.P.S Systems - but are they really going to improve safety -

Helmets - has anyone really wondered what the real safety difference is - when purchasing a helmet for \$200 or less or paying \$1000 or less?

Insurance Companies - why isn't there an opportunity with government assistance - to encourage motor-cyclists to do a safety-riding course - a first-aid-course - or wear high visibility clothing??

Dare I sound bias? - try riding a motor-cycle behind someone driving a four-wheel drive vehicle - can they really see a motor-cyclist??





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Has anyone been in contact with Australia - Post - to find out what safety measures are in place for posties - do they regular attend a riding - course?

Protective clothing for motor-cyclists - I know of a company that offers - Super-high-quality - protective jackets but with a price tag of over \$1000 - really - who can afford this - and once again if the government prepared to offer some assistance too motor-cyclists - too be fully protected; be really seen on the road; be trained to ride in all conditions -

If there isn't some type of assistance then in some many bike-shops and insurance companies and individuals will be doing and buying what they can afford.

Thank you for allowing me to share my views; Spelling mistakes etc etc.

I do hope you can provide some feedback regarding the outcomes of this inquiry.

I would appreciate this

Regards

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