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Dear Christine & Alexandra.

*God helps those who help them selves;* to transpose this saying to the world of motorcycling safety I suggest that if motorcyclists were obliged by law to wear high visibility vests such as road workers and truck drivers; so increasing visibility there would be fewer collision accidents involving motorbikes. It is ironic that you must wear a visibility vest when driving a truck to be covered by insurance but you can ride from home on your motorcycle in black clothing covered by the same insurance to your place of employment ???.

Suitable visibility vests are available at \$10 each so the expense is not an issue.

In addition to the visibility vest white helmets are so much easier to see on the road.

Leather which is expensive to colour is no longer the preferred material for riders except for racing riders as leather is difficult to make water proof. Most riding gear is now of a synthetic material so colouring would not be an issue.

With a camera rolling I suggest you have two riders one in all black and one in high visibility clothing ride away from you into the distance in daylight and again in darkness; I am sure this simple exercise will prove my point.

You will be aware that all Australia Post riders have been wearing coloured vest for some time now, so a quantity of before and after statistics on collisions should be available.

Wearing a high visibility safety vest may also bring a culture change of think safety to motorcycling slowly eroding the gung-ho attitude of "I am invincible" that prevails in various groups.

And finally I would like you to ask friends who are motorists, have they ever been startled by a motorcyclist who seemed to come from nowhere my score 9 out of 10.

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