



Position Statement – Rider Training

Rider training and education is an important part of any comprehensive motorcycle safety strategy. Training should not be considered only for novice riders but should be a 'whole of life' experience with riders undertaking training throughout their riding career.

Priority:- Medium

Where we are now:-

In NSW novice riders are well catered for by the Transport for NSW administered compulsory rider scheme that is implemented by independent rider training schools who are contracted to Transport for NSW.

These independent rider training schools also offer a range of post licence training.

There are also a number of operators who conduct track days at various race track venues.

A survey by the MCC found that 54% of riders had undertaken some form of post licence training, the majority of which within the last 4 years. This survey however concentrated on motorcyclists who reside in the Sydney / Wollongong / Newcastle region and therefore have greater access to courses than riders in rural areas.

Where we want to be:-

That riders view training as a whole of life experience where they undertake training throughout their riding career.

That a range of courses are readily accessible in both metropolitan and regional areas at moderate cost to all those wishing to undertake training.

Training companies and ride day operators run courses that cover both skill and behavioural issues.

That all riders are licensed.

How to get there:-

Seek funding to research why some riders choose to ride unlicensed.

Encourage riders to undertake post licence training.

Encourage training schools and ride day operators run courses that cover both skill and behavioural issues.

Offer incentives such as reduced licensing and registration fees, silver and gold to platinum licence grades to riders who undertake regular skills courses.