



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (Staysafe)

Religious exemptions for the wearing of helmets

That the Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety inquire into and report on the risks and benefits of providing members of the Sikh community an exemption from mandatory helmet requirements in road transport law, including:

- a) Road safety and crash research relevant to different road users, including bicycle riders, motorcycle riders and electric scooter riders.
- b) Opportunities for, and obstacles to the uptake of active transport by members of the Sikh community and/or other religious groups that customarily wear a headdress that prevents effective use of a helmet.
- c) Exemption approaches in other Australian jurisdictions and internationally, including scope and conditions of any exemptions.
- d) Helmet technology and alternative helmet design.
- e) Perspectives of first responders and health services that provide post-crash care to riders.
- f) Work health and safety and insurance implications, including for food delivery riders of Sikh faith.
- g) Any other related matters.

