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To the Honourable Members

I am a 61 ish male who has ridden bicycles since I was a young child, and grew up in Western Australia riding a bike not wearing a helmet, yet never suffered any major injury whilst riding said bikes. Since the helmet law was passed I have ridden bikes less and less as I prefer not to wear one, however I was brought up to obey the law, and have always done so. My wife and I have raised 3 children and always ensured a helmet was worn by them. I still own a bike and ride it infrequently as I do not like being told to wear a helmet. We have become a nanny state passing any law that dictates for our own safety however we should all be responsible for our own, not rely on the government.

Also as I drive I see cyclists every day not wearing helmets but there is never a policeman around.

I am currently travelling in Holland, Portugal and Denmark where cycling is the norm and see most of the cyclists without helmets.

I respectfully support the idea of personal choice rather than compulsory dictation by government.

Respectfully  
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