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Select Committee on Personal Choice and Community Safety
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Dear Mr Stonehouse,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the *Select Committee on Personal Choice and Community Safety*.

Currently, WA has a graduated licensing requirement for motorcycles. This is based upon the assumption that by limiting the power of the motorcycles that new license holders can ride, there will be reduced injury. After a year the new riders can then sit a second driving assessment on a larger capacity motorcycle. This inconsistent with other graduated driving scheme (such as progressing from P Plates to a full license), it puts additional strain on the staff at licensing centres and results in additional costs to the user and the taxpayer.

An alternative or a parallel progression system that could be set up to sit alongside the existing system would be to extend the restricted license period to 2 years and then have an automatic progression to a full license if the rider can show: 1, a license with zero demerit points deducted and; 2, regular use of the motorcycle, for example servicing records, log books or similar.

The data from the WA Strategic Direction for Improving the Safety of Motorcyclists and Moped Riders 2016-2020 shows that between 2005 and 2014 there was a 12% reduction in fatality rates (page 14), that 54% of those that recorded a crash had prior sanctions (page 19), and 72% of those involved in fatal or catastrophic injury held an open (R class license) (Page 21).

This proposal would reward and encourage responsible riding as only those with a clean record would be eligible, for this pathway. None of the existing strategies in the Strategic Directions document do this. This would mean motorcyclists would have 2 years of responsible riding. The proposal would double the time spent on a restricted license giving the rider more opportunity to learn the essential skills, it would reduce costs to the tax payer and the riders and improve the capacity of the licensing centres to provide a timely service.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this submission.

Yours sincerely,

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