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GREENSLIP INCREASES DISCOURAGE EFFICIENT TRANSPORT

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Chairman of the Motorcycle Council of NSW, Mr. Rob Colligan, today described a planned 84% increase in motorcycle Compulsory Third Party premiums as “further evidence of the failure of Governments to recognise motorcycles as a unique and independent road user group.”

Mr Colligan stated “While the Motorcycle Council of New South Wales agrees that changes to the old CTP system are necessary, and has worked with the Motor Accidents Authority (MAA) on possible changes, there is no evidence that can justify such extreme increases in prices in some classifications.”

The announced increase, 84% for younger riders on small motorcycles or scooters, stands to discourage people from taking up motorcycling as a more efficient and road friendly form of transport.

“Quite simply, the Motorcycle Council of New South Wales would like to see the justification for such extreme increases in CTP premiums for young riders.

“I have seen no publicly available data that suggests an 84% CTP increase on young riders is in any way deserved,” Mr Colligan said.

With urban areas seeing an explosion in scooter and small bike usage due to environmental and economic reasons, many riders are now likely to reconsider their choice of transport.

“Let’s take the roughly 160,000 people in New South Wales who ride motorbikes, off their bikes and put them in cars or over-crowded trains. That would demonstrate to the public and government alike, the lack of transport planning and demonstrate why motorcycle and scooter use should be encouraged and why our roads should be more bike friendly,” said Mr Colligan.

“The NSW Government must consult more widely when making these types of changes and as a matter of urgency must justify these planned increases of motorcycle CTP premiums.”

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