



Alice Wickett
Coroner's Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Dear Alice,

RE: Coroner's report COR 2019 001005 – Investigation into the death of Scott Adams

I am writing regarding Coroner Darren Bracken's finding into the death of Scott Adams made on the 1st of March 2021.

I am making this response to the coroner's recommendation on behalf of Bicycle Industries Australia.

The BIA would like to extend its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr Adams for their loss.

The coroner made a single recommendation;

- 1. VicRoads, The Transport Accident Commission The Vehicle Safety Standards Bureau, Victoria Police, Bicycle Industries Australia, consider the circumstances in which Scott Adams died as set out in this Finding and individually and together assess the adequacy of the current regulation of the motorisation of bicycles and their use including the ready availability of conversion kits taking into account the actual power provided by such kits vis-a-vis any purported power they provide with a view to improving public safety and the safety of people riding such bicycles.**

About Bicycle Industries Australia

Bicycle Industries Australia is an independent not-for-profit incorporated membership organisation representing bicycle industry importers, manufacturers, retailers and suppliers. Affiliated with peak industry organisations around the world, BIA is leading the development of the industry in Australia.

For over 50 years the BIA has operated to support bicycle importers, manufacturers and distributors, and in 2014, incorporated the activities of the Retail Cycle Traders Association to expand its focus to include bicycle retail.

Response to Recommendation

Bicycle Industries Australia, response to the inquiry into the death of Scott Adams. The BIA supports the review and update of legislation to improve the quality of emobility product available to consumers in Victoria.

The BIA supports the following critical actions in the outcomes of improved safety. The Victorian Government approach to emobility product and usage regulations remained aligned across all Victorian Government departments, adopting the most current version of recognised standards EN15194 or AS15194 or a future ISO4210 parts 1 -10.

- The industry supports the adoption of standards aligned to EN15194, including EN17404 and EN17860
- The industry does not support the adoption of any other standards unrelated or connected to these standards that are designed for household goods or only provide a safety framework for a single or limited elements of the emobility device.

The industry strongly urges;

- The Victorian Government to align road safety regulations and standards with federal import and sale regulations and introduce consistent usage regulations that align with other state regulations to provide a consistent product framework and road usage framework across Australia.
- The Victorian Government promote/support/lobby the federal Government for the reintroduction and enforcement of mandatory importation regulations that align with the most current EN15194/AS15194 or a future aligned ISO4210 parts 1 -10 under the Road Vehicle Standards Act, Australian Road Rules definitions.
- The Victorian Government promote/support/lobby the federal Government through the ACCC for the introduction of sales regulations that mandate alignment with the most current EN15194/AS15194 or a future ISO 4210 parts 1-10.
- The Victorian Government support mandating that electrical systems for e-bikes including after market kits are required to meet the electrical testing elements of the most current EN15194/AS15194 under a self-certification protocol for sale in Victoria.

- The Victorian Government withdraw the Power Assisted Pedal Cycle category of product from the Victorian Road Regulations.
- The Victorian Government work with the industry to undertake a promotion and education campaign of the regulations relating to emobility.
- The Victorian Government undertake an enforcement campaign through the Victorian retail network of compliant e-bikes, and e-Bike electrical components.
- The Victorian Government undertake an enforcement campaign of emobility users across Victoria.
- The Victorian Government introduce a buyback scheme for products which are identified as non-compliant to allow a transition to safe and compliant products.
- The Victorian Government introduce funding through the TAFE or RTO network for the funding of bicycle mechanic training to ensure frontline workers have the skills to provide informed support to emobility devices inline with the skill level identified through the federal OSCA ratings.

The BIA supports continued efforts to achieve road safety of emobility devices in Victoria and across Australia.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Bourke", is written in a fluid, cursive style.

Peter Bourke
GENERAL MANAGER