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#### **Labor introduces motorcyclist protection laws**

South Australian Labor will introduce legislation to improve safety for motorcyclists – following a spike in motorcyclist deaths and road trauma.

The *Motor Vehicles (Motor Bike Licensing) Amendment Bill* aims to enhance the licensing regime for new motorbike riders.

In 2017, following a tripling of motor bike road deaths on the previous year, the then Labor government convened the Motorcycle Reference Group to examine ways to enhance motor bike safety and reduce road trauma.

In January last year this reference group released a series of recommendations to enhance the motor bike licensing system in South Australia, including raising the age of learner riders, and extending the probation period for new riders.

Since then the Marshall Liberal Government has failed to act, despite a recent spate of deaths and injuries on our roads – leaving motor bike groups increasingly frustrated at the Government inaction.

Labor's Bill is based on the evidence and recommendations of the expert report, and will include:

- Raising the minimum age for gaining a motorcycle learners licence to 17.
- Restricting a learner or prescribed licence holder, under the age of 25, so they must not ride between midnight and 5am without a legitimate exemption.
- Restricting prescribed licence holders to zero drugs or alcohol, no passengers, and lower power motorcycles.

#### **Quotes attributable to Shadow Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services Lee Odenwalder**

If the Marshall Liberal Government won't act, we will.

This is about saving lives. Too many motor bike riders are dying on our roads.

We need to make sure that new motorcyclists are better trained and better equipped to ensure their own safety and the safety of others on our roads.

Other states have gone down the road of enhancing their graduated licensing schemes for new motorcyclists – we need to do the same.