

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of Transport and Main Roads
Name of the proposal	Amendment to requirements for bicycle helmets under the <i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Road Rules) Regulation 2009</i>
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Road Rules) Regulation 2009</i>
Date of issue	January 2026

Proposal type	Details
Regulatory proposals where no RIA is required	<p>This proposal adopts several new safety standards for bicycle helmets into the <i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Road Rules) Regulation 2009</i> (the Queensland Road Rules).</p> <p>This adoption is due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) recommending a new safety standard for bicycle helmets; and the Australian Government's acceptance of the ACCC's recommendation to implement a new safety standard for bicycle helmets. <p>In consultation with all other jurisdictions, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (the Department) has determined that the new safety standards are at least equal to the current safety standard. There are no impacts for existing bicycle helmets already in use and being sold in Queensland. This change creates more flexibility for retailers to purchase helmets from international markets and is expected to reduce the cost of purchasing a compliant helmet for Queensland consumers.</p> <p>The safety standards to be included are—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>European standard EN 1078:2012+A1:2012—Helmets for pedal cyclists and for users of skateboards and roller skates</i> <i>US Consumer Product Safety Commission standard US CPSC 16 C.F.R. Part 1203 Safety Standard for Bicycle Helmets</i> <i>American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International Standard F1447-18 Standard Specification for Helmets Used in Recreational Bicycling or Roller Skating</i>

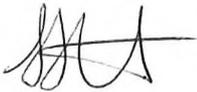
- *Snell Standard B-95 1995 Bicycle Helmet Standard, 1998 revision, Standard for Protective Headgear for Use in Bicycling.*

Although the individual standards include requirements to label bicycle helmets in a way that indicates compliance with the standard, it is considered appropriate to also include in the Queensland Road Rules definition of **approved bicycle helmet** that a helmet must bear a label or mark indicating compliance with a relevant standard. This will support enforcement of the safety standards. The definition of **approved motorbike helmet** (in Schedule 5 of the Queensland Road Rules) includes a similar requirement.

Note, while the current Australian standard (*AS/NZS 2063:2020 Helmets for use on bicycles and wheeled recreational devices*) provides for the above labelling requirement, the superseded version (*AS/NZS 2063:2008*) did not include this requirement. This does not impact the sale of bicycle helmets but may impact riders who still use a bicycle helmet manufactured under the superseded version. However, given bicycle helmets have a limited lifespan (generally three to five years under normal use), it is anticipated that any impact will be minimal.

The Department has identified that this proposal is designed to reduce the burden of regulation and will not increase costs or regulatory burden on business or the community. Accordingly, no further regulatory impact analysis is required under the Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy.

Signed



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