

# Motorcycle Riders Association of Western Australia (Inc)



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## Perth - Local motorcycle lobby group ride to Parliament.

The Motorcycle Riders Association of WA (MRA WA) will deliver a petition against **Wire Rope Road Barriers** to the Hon A MacTiernan on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1200 noon**.

"We are calling on the Minister to improve the level of safety for motorcyclists by ensuring that no more stretches of road are fitted with wire rope barriers, and that those in place are amended to decrease the risks." Said MRA WA President, Dave Wright.

"The Minister for Transport should take a stand on this important issue, and The State Government should improve its efforts in the area of Motorcycle Road Safety".

Wire rope barriers which are potentially lethal to motorcyclists are in common use in Western Australia, when there are safer options available, and safety retrofits for existing barriers.

Harm minimisation is a principal applied by all levels of Government. This is an opportunity to proactively prevent further harm to motorcyclists.

"Denmark has removed all wire rope/cable barriers."

"On Friday 4th August 2006 the Norwegian Minister of Transport, Mrs. Liv Signe Navarsete, formally acknowledged the danger cable crash barriers pose to riders and banned their use".

"The Dutch Parliament decided in 2005 to ban wire rope barriers".

"The European Parliament have suggested a ban".

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### Background

The MRA WA is a non-profit voluntary organisation that has existed in Western Australia for over 24 years. Political representation regarding road safety and legislation affecting motorcyclists are our main aims. That is, to oversee all motorcyclists rights and work for a fair and sensible deal for ALL motorcyclists.

**Let those who ride decide**