

ACC explains proposed motorcycle levies



Why are motorcyclists being singled out?

They're not. ACC's proposed levies are going up for a number of groups, not just for motorcyclists.

Why are motorcyclists being asked to pay more?

Because the levies they previously paid weren't enough to cover the cost of the injuries they suffered.

Will motorcyclists now be paying the full cost of their injuries?

No. Even with the levy increases we are proposing they will only be meeting 21% of their claim costs.

If motorcyclists weren't paying enough, who's been covering their costs?

Other motor vehicle owners. Even with the proposed changes, most other motor vehicle owners will still contribute \$77 to cross-subsidise motorcyclists.

But motorcyclists say the crashes aren't their fault.

Figures show that in almost 60% of cases, motorcyclists bore some or all of the responsibility for the crash.

How much more at risk are motorcyclists?

Motorcycle riders are 16 times more likely to make an ACC claim than other road users. And they're more likely to be seriously injured.

How do the proposed ACC levies compare to the cost of insuring the actual bike?

For \$750 you can insure a big bike, perhaps worth \$15,000 to replace. The same \$750 (ACC's proposed levy) will insure the rider for perhaps millions of dollars of long term cover for a serious accident.

Do the figures include off-road motorcycle claims, or bikes used on farms?

No. We're only asking motorcyclists to pay for injuries on public roads.

Why do motorcyclists pay multiple levies if they own more than one bike? They can only ride one bike at a time.

Because anyone with a licence could get on those other bikes and ride them, whether or not they had paid an ACC levy themselves. In fact, ACC needs to collect the same amount of money to cover motorcycle injuries, irrespective of whether that amount is collected per bike or per rider.

How to make a submission

For information on making a submission, visit www.acc.co.nz/consultation. Consultation closes at 5pm on Tuesday 10 November.