

Consumer Goods (Bicycle Helmet) Safety Standard 2024

Dr WOODRUFF question to MINISTER for SMALL BUSINESS, TRADE and CONSUMER AFFAIRS

My question is from my constituents Anna and Adrian in Bellerive. Tasmania is the only state in Australia to not have adopted the Consumer Goods (Bicycle Helmet) Safety Standard 2024 interstate law. As the transition period lapsed in late September, bike shops across the state are now struggling to support bicycle helmets in their peak trade season. Suppliers are no longer supplying helmets compliant with the old standard, but helmets compliant with the new standard are technically illegal to use on Tasmanian bike paths and roads. This is a serious public safety issue as well as a major challenge for businesses and cyclists.

My constituent is asking you to provide an explanation for this long and confusing delay and to commit to bringing in the relevant legislation before the end of the parliamentary year and the summer season.