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### Inquiry into the increase in Victorias road toll.

Wire rope barriers are extremely dangerous for motorcycle riders with considerations of the following five points:

1: A fence type structure has been brought from a farm properties perimeter to the edge of the road. Making for a possible impact, to one of a certain impact if motorcycle direction changed in an emergency situation eg. evasive animal collision action.

2: Irregularity of safe distances on roadside edges for motorcycle emergency stopping. Extremely dangerous from personal experience as veering vehicles only centimetres away from possible certain death or injury eg. driver influenced by drug or sleep deprivation.

3: Wire rope barriers increase an animals behaviour of confusion in baulking when trying to negotiate a wire rope barrier, increasing the risk of the animal doubling back and being hit by a motorcyclist, who may fall off and slide into the wire rope barrier, suffering either injury, or death.

4: Weather conditions such as heavy rain, hail or dry ice can cause a motorcyclist to skid off the road. Wire rope barriers leave no room for error, whereas many roadside areas would have plenty of run off and safe areas without the presence of wire rope barriers.

5: A motorcyclists choice of evasive action is limited, if confronted with a head on scenario. It's either the wire rope barrier or the oncoming vehicle, not a possible run off area to safety by rider skill and negotiation.

Wire rope barriers take away many options from a motorcyclist for survival, when a life or death situation arises.

Thank you.

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