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PROTECT YOURSELF WITH THE LATEST CRASH INFORMATION

The latest motorcycle helmet crash test results are now available giving riders a guide to the safest and best helmets available.

The Consumer Rating and Assessment of Safety Helmets (CRASH) - a consortium of government agencies, has recently tested 30 helmets against a range of criteria including protection and comfort.

Roads, Maritime and Freight Minister Melinda Pavey said the Fox V3 helmet came out on top this year, achieving five out of five stars for protection and three out of five for comfort.

“Four other helmets tied for second place with a score of four out of five for protection and between three and four stars for comfort. While two helmets came in last with three stars for comfort but only one star for protection,” Mrs Pavey said.

“Motorcycle riders are more exposed than motorists and risk serious injuries if they are in a crash.

“Road safety is everyone’s responsibility and motorcyclists also need to ensure their behaviour is safe – part of that includes choosing the right helmet and protective gear.”

These latest CRASH results give riders access to important information about the levels of protection a helmet provides.

“Your helmet is the most important piece of safety protection you’ll need when you’re riding – you never know when it may be called upon, so take advantage of the latest CRASH results and choose the one that’s best suited to your needs.”

Last year 18 per cent of all road fatalities and 13 per cent of all road injuries were sustained by motorcyclists, this continues to be a concerning statistic when you realise motorcycles only account for four per cent of motor vehicle registrations.

The Council has recently developed and released a trio of short videos on helmet safety from funding received from a 2016-17 Community Road Safety Grant.

<http://mccofnsw.org.au/a/402.html>

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