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MAKING YOUNG CYCLISTS SAFER

Children are encouraged to get back on their bikes after the NSW Government introduced new rules to allow all children under 16 years old to ride a bicycle on the footpath.

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey said the new cycling measures would help to keep young people safe.

“Children are some of our most vulnerable road users and as a government we are always looking at new initiatives to protect our young people and support them to be safe on and near the road,” Mrs Pavey said.

Member for Coogee, Bruce Notley-Smith MP said he was delighted with the new road rule following his campaign for a change in the law.

“The busy traffic of a congested city is no place for a child to ride their bike on the road. Every child should be able to cycle in a safe environment,” said Mr Notley-Smith.

“I’m pleased the NSW Government has recognised this and I hope more children will now feel safe enough to cycle to school each day - which is great physical exercise.

KEY POINTS:

- Children under 16 years will be allowed to ride bicycles on the footpath, up from the current limit of under 12 years, with a supervising adult also permitted
- bicycle riders must wear a helmet, keep left and give way to pedestrians
- In the five years to 2017, two children under 16 years old lost their lives while cycling and 1,770 were seriously injured

“In Coogee we have excellent cycling infrastructure for all ages thanks to funding from the Government’s Active Transport Program. I encourage everyone to get on their bike,” Mr Notley-Smith said.

There are approximately 75 kilometres of separated bicycle paths and almost 4000 kilometres of shared footpaths across NSW.

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