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**Bicycling Habits, and the Risks and Costs of Bicycle Accidents in Tasmania**  
**AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL ACTIVE CYCLISTS IN TASMANIA**

You are invited to participate in the first research study of cycling habits and accidents in Tasmania.

- The study is being conducted by Professor Andrew Palmer and Ms Peta Hitchens at the Department of Health Economics, Menzies Research Institute, Tasmania.
- The researchers have identified a need for real-life information on cycling habits and accidents in Tasmania to inform decision-making in the promotion of cycling for health and as a carbon-neutral mode of transport.
- The study involves the administration of a questionnaire by telephone of currently active cyclists to record bicycle riding habits and elicit a recollection of past cycling accidents, medical treatment and time off work.
- We are interested in talking to you even if you have not been involved in any major or minor accident in the past.
- The study will examine all forms of cycling (road bike, mountain bike, commuting, other).
- All information will be treated in a confidential manner, and your name will not be used in any publication arising out of the research.

The researchers anticipate the findings of the study will encourage individuals and communities to participate in regular cycling for health, work or pleasure.

- This study has been approved by the Tasmanian Social Science Human Research Ethics Committee.
- If you would like to discuss any aspect of this study please feel free to contact either Professor Palmer on ph 03 6226 7729 or Tim Saul on ph 03 6226 7756 or email [cycling@menzies.utas.edu.au](mailto:cycling@menzies.utas.edu.au).