

Additional information provided by the Australian Bicycle Council

Please note that the following statement was made in error: 'and I think eight over the age of 50. So there was a large proportion of that 45 fatalities in the 30-to-50 age group.' (page 80, *Proof Hansard transcript*)

In order to correct the error and provide additional context, the following extract is provided from the *National Cycling Strategy 2011-16: Implementation Report 2014* pp 36–37:

While the number of total fatalities on our roads has been steadily decreasing for the past several decades, the number of bicycle fatalities has fluctuated from year to year rather than decreasing.

In 2014, bicycle fatalities were heavily skewed towards older riders, with 20 of the 45 fatalities occurring in those aged over 60. Only one of the 20 riders killed over 60 years of age was female.

In general, bicycle fatalities in 2014 were 3.5 times more likely to have been caused by an incident involving a second vehicle (35 fatalities) than to have occurred in a single vehicle incident (10 fatalities). All female fatalities (7 fatalities) involved a second vehicle. Of the 20 riders aged 50 and under who were killed in 2014, 95% (19 fatalities) involved a second vehicle.

The high likelihood of a second vehicle being involved in bicycle fatalities indicates that the safety of bicycle riders is heavily dependent on the vehicles around them. Measures that separate bicycles from motor vehicles or improve the ability for drivers and riders to share the road safely are paramount in reducing bicycle fatalities in future years. The vast majority of single-vehicle fatalities (9 fatalities of 10) involved male riders over 50 years of age.

Bicycle fatalities in 2014 predominantly occurred on roads with higher speed limits, with only eight of the 45 fatalities occurring on roads of 50 km/h or under. Weekend bicycle fatalities in 2014 were skewed towards the morning, with 12 of 15 fatalities occurring before 11am. Weekday fatalities were fairly evenly distributed throughout the day but with only 2 fatalities occurring after 7 pm.