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Dear Mr. Williams

**Dangerous and reckless motor bike driving on the Old Pacific Highway just south of the Hawkesbury River Bridge each (fine day) weekend which has caused road bicycle riders to avoid cycling the popular 35km leg from Hornsby to Mt. White**

**Will ‘A Current Affair’ expose his practice and thereby cause the RMS and NSW Police to cease this hazardous practice which has become increasingly dangerous by the week, as more and more motor bike riders that *‘get their jollies’* from *Bending their Bike* through four corners to *“make sparks fly”* over the** [**3.85km**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pieintheskyroutemap.jpg) **road section between Brooklyn Rd and** [**Pie in the Sky Café**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pie_in_the_sky_circa_2017.htm)**?**

The [**Writer**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/writer.htm) has administered a road cycle group, [**Muggaccinos**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/writer.htm), for 21 years. [**Muggaccinos**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/writer.htm) has provided a 95km (ave) on-road bicycle ride on the perimeter of Greater Sydney each Sunday and most Public Holidays for 21 years. [**Over  150 different road cyclists**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/ChoresnCrew/ChoresMainPage/ChoresnCrew.htm) have cycled on *Muggs'* rides over the last 21 years.

The (old) [***Pie in the Sky Café***](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/pie_in_the_sky.htm) at North Cowan has been a regular [***Nosh Stop***](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/NoshStops.htm) for Muggs' cyclists as evidenced in our [***PitS***](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/pie_in_the_sky.htm) webpage.

Alas, increasingly over the last few years, more and more motor bike riders have used (the current) [***Pie in the Sky Café***](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pie_in_the_sky_circa_2017.htm) at North Cowan as a temporary base camp to ride ‘’loops” [**down to Brooklyn Rd, pause for up to a few mins until any motor bike riders ahead have commenced their return leg**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/Road_map_3%2C85km.htm) and then ascend, regularly at high speed through the six bends, and often bellowing loud exhaust system noise.

The second half of the motor bike ride in the below YouTube views the [**3.85km**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pieintheskyroutemap.jpg) road section between Brooklyn Rd and[**Pie in the Sky Café**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pie_in_the_sky_circa_2017.htm) that this letter directs your attention.

* [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwq-pLRWjqY**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwq-pLRWjqY)

On Sunday 6th August at approx 11am the [**Writer**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/writer.htm) was approached by another road cyclist who had just cycled up from the Hawkesbury River Bridge. I learnt that the cyclist’s name is Russell Garstang. Russell told me that 15 mins earlier that he had come very close to being seriously injured (or killed) when a motor biker braked at a corner (almost half way up the [**3.85km**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pieintheskyroutemap.jpg) ascent) and came off, whereupon –

1. the fallen motor-biker sprayed passed him (on his bicycle accompanied by his daughter) on his RHS; and
2. his motor bike hurled passed him on his LHS,

because the motor biker had panicked after a police car that was descending down from [***PitS***](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pie_in_the_sky_circa_2017.htm) did a rapid 'Uie' (in front of him) and then the police car chased a 'P Plater' motor biker up the
Old Pacific Highway towards *PitS* that was also travelling at high speed.

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The [**Writer**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/writer.htm) had cycled up to [***PitS***](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pie_in_the_sky_circa_2017.htm) 5 mins earlier and witnessed the police car chasing the ‘P Plater’. The police car was travelling at about 140km p/h.

Take a squizz at:

* [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5aw8Cp3HJ8**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5aw8Cp3HJ8) which highlights the dangers of police chases. And read the caption under the Start button on the above URL.
* [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOAG4Iy\_Cz0**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOAG4Iy_Cz0)
* [**https://www.facebook.com/pieintheskycowan/videos/vb.403068693137418/594638247313794/?type=2&theater**](https://www.facebook.com/pieintheskycowan/videos/vb.403068693137418/594638247313794/?type=2&theater)

Will Channel Nine –

* draw on the precedent ‘[**Dumbest car hoons**](https://www.9now.com.au/a-current-affair/2017/clip-cj63h439600700gp4owun5s8k)’ where a dozen security cameras filmed by [**Elaren Security**](https://www.whitepages.com.au/elaren-security-11761614/brooklyn-vic-11761619B) dangerous car hooning in Melbourne’s Western suburbs in Brooklyn Victoria, and sent the footage to the Victorian police that, equipped with such material evidence, took effective action to desist the dangerous hooning behaviour; and
* assemble (on a fine weather Sunday) between 9am and 3pm, four crews of two electronically skilled technicians each, dressed in motor bike garb (preferably over-weight with a long beard) and station them at the four tightest corners on the 3.85km road section between Brooklyn Rd. and [***Pie in the Sky Café***](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pie_in_the_sky_circa_2017.htm) that are equipped with video cameras, speed cameras and sound measurement equipment?

Last month, on a Sunday approaching midday, the [**Writer**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/writer.htm)was on the food queue at [***PitS***](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pie_in_the_sky_circa_2017.htm) to buy a meat pie. It was a particularly long queue, so he was standing behind the two young chaps immediately in front of him, who were in full leathers with bulging knee guards. They were
‘*chuffed’* that they had reduced their ascent times during the nine ascents so far that morning. They accepted that they would not break their ‘loops’ record of 16 ascents that day. During that queue wait two other motor bike riders, known to them, discussed with them the bends that they could readily *“make sparks fly’’*.

The [**Writer**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/writer.htm) and Russell Garstang are prepared to meet with you if Channel 9 provides us with a letter that Channel Nine agrees to maintain the anonymity of each of us thereby protecting , A Current Affair’s ‘*sources’*.

If Channel Nine opts to –

1. obtain –
* video evidence of dangerous and reckless motor bike driving; and
* noise level empirical proof that some bikes are exceeding allowed noise levels, by [**Replacing the Exhaust System**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlwuJ2XfwXo),

which has caused road cyclists in their droves to desist a wonderful, once popular 70km bicycle ride from Hornsby to Mt. White Road Warriors Café and back, because of the dangerous and intimidating [**3.85km**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pieintheskyroutemap.jpg) road section between Brooklyn Rd and [***PitS***](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pie_in_the_sky_circa_2017.htm), and

1. then telecast a segment on ‘A Current Affair’ that evidences why road cyclists no longer patronize [**Pie in the Sky**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pie_in_the_sky_circa_2017.htm) on weekends, particularly on Sundays;

the two unnamed ‘sources’, (Phil and Russell) would like you to inform viewers that the two ‘sources’ that brought to Channel Nine this story want –

1. the RMS to place signage in the [**3.85km**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pieintheskyroutemap.jpg) dual lane (on the ascent) road section that informs that the 80km p/h speed limit reduces to 60km p/h speed limit on weekends and Public Holidays (relying on the precedent where speed limits are reduced to 40km p/h for 90 mins in the mornings and 90 mins in ‘school zones’); and
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1. NSW Police to be granted authority to position in the bush along the 3.85km road section (infrequently on fine weather weekends) discretely hidden (manned by a policeman dressed in *Civvies*) –
2. speed cameras along the [**3.85km**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pieintheskyroutemap.jpg) section and post out speeding fines to offenders; and
3. sound level measurement equipment and post out traffic sound breach fines to offenders.

The below two articles evidence that motor bike rider, Ben James, was recently sentenced for six years for killing a road cyclist, Steve Jarvie, a couple of kilometres from [***PitS***](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pie_in_the_sky_circa_2017.htm):

* [**Cyclist hater boasted about causing fall that caused rider’s death**](http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/cyclist-hater-boasted-about-causing-fall-that-caused-riders-death/news-story/2af2d32a4f6d4d2261d5f2077c377012)
* [**Ben Smith jailed for eight years over death of cyclist Steven Jarvie**](http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/ben-smith-jailed-for-eight-years-jail-over-death-of-cyclist-steven-jarvie-20170703-gx3bhd.html)

A bicycle rider friend of the [**Writer**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/writer.htm) who lives on the south side is Grahame. About four years ago, Grahame was cycling one of his regular Sunday rides heading south towards the
Royal National Park. Grahame was leading a one row peloton/bunch of about six local bicycle compadres. A motor bike with a pillion rider behind the driver, that did not display number plates, came up close to the single row bicycle peloton. The pillion rider pushed Grahame off his bicycle, whilst the peloton was travelling at about 33km p/h. The NSW police were on the scene quickly and radioed ahead seeking other police to intercept the offending motor bike rider. Alas, they were not intercepted. Grahame *‘lost a lot of bark’* but fortunately suffered no spinal injury. Grahame is happy to verbal validate the above account to you. The incident would be on police records.

Alas, this problem is not limited to the afore-mentioned [**3.85km**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pieintheskyroutemap.jpg) road section of the Pacific Highway as the below article in the St George & Sutherland ‘**Leader**’ evidences:

* [**http://www.theleader.com.au/story/1715213/are-motorbike-joyriders-overrunning-royal-national-park/**](http://www.theleader.com.au/story/1715213/are-motorbike-joyriders-overrunning-royal-national-park/)

The [**Writer**](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/writer.htm) can provide you the names and ‘phone numbers of up to a dozen road cyclists who will confirm that –

1. road cycling up to [***PitS***](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pie_in_the_sky_circa_2017.htm) on Sundays (in particular) is generally dangerous and intimidating; and
2. this predicament has become progressively worse over recent years as social media and word-of-mouth has alerted more and more motor bike riders, who wear knee guards, to –
* *‘spray sparks’* on the bends up to [***PitS***](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pie_in_the_sky_circa_2017.htm); and
* clock-up their loops and lower their ascent times,

from their temporary base camp at [***PitS***](http://www.muggaccinos.com/Warm_Fuzzy/NoshStops/Cafes/PitS/MotorBikes/pie_in_the_sky_circa_2017.htm).

Below is an SMH article that further complexes this issue:

* [**Police officer pushed cyclist off his bike in Sydney's CBD, witnesses say**](http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/police-officer-pushed-cyclist-off-his-bike-in-sydneys-cbd-witnesses-say-20160113-gm5d3m.html#ixzz3xAKp3wN2)

Yours sincerely

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