



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**Amanda Rishworth MP**

Federal Member for Kingston

**22/7/10**

### **Tough New Laws to End the Illegal Use of Monkey Bikes in the South**

Federal Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP has welcomed the introduction of tough new legislation to end the illegal use of monkey bikes in South Australian Parliament today.

Ms Rishworth said “Reckless monkey bike riders have been putting the safety of residents in our community at risk for far too long.”

As both a local resident and the federal representative for the Southern Suburbs of Adelaide, Ms Rishworth fought hard for legislation to end the risky use of monkey bikes and trail bikes in the community.

Ms Rishworth alerted the Southern Times Messenger about this important local issue in 2008 in an article entitled *Bike Crush Proposal*.

Ms Rishworth said “I know of several incidents where passers-by have been frightened and riders have been seriously injured as a result of this dangerous practice.”

“Under the new laws, anyone caught illegally riding a monkey bike in a public place would receive an on the spot fine of \$5, 000 and their bike would be crushed.”

Ms Rishworth said that the proposed legislation would go along way to curbing this dangerous behaviour.