

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007

### **6000 PROMOTIONAL BIKES RECALLED**

5000 Adult's and 1000 Children's bicycles have been recalled across Australia due to safety and labelling concerns.

Anyone who received a bicycle as part of a Medibank Private health insurance promotion should stop using them immediately.

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Jennifer Rankine, said, "The children's bike is of particular concern due to the discovery of its oversized pedal and crank mechanism being too close to the ground.

This poses a safety risk when riding, as when the bike leans to one side the pedal could clip the ground and flip the bike. It also has insufficient labelling; much like the adult's bike, which is being recalled, purely due to its failure to comply with labelling requirements," Ms Rankine said.

Medibank Private says it has distributed more than 6000 bikes as part of its promotion, with concerns about them recently raised by a member of the public, however there have been no reports of injuries.

Consumer Affairs has confirmed that the bicycles don't meet mandatory labelling requirements under the Australian Standard.

"I have been advised that Medibank Private has given an assurance that people who have received bicycles as part of this promotion will be contacted directly.

They will be warned to stop using the children's bike until the pedals are replaced," Ms Rankine said.

Pedal replacements will be sent to people in the next few weeks with advice about how to fit them. People who aren't confident about fitting the pedals themselves can take them to a bike mechanic and present the receipt to Medibank Private for reimbursement.

Examples of the bikes will be on display, **Today at 3:30 pm**

**Where: Parliament House, Courtyard. Minister Rankine will also be available for comment**

People affected by the recall can contact the bicycle's importer, WaiveStar, on 1300 885 904

For general information about recalled and dangerous items people can contact OCBA on 8152 0732 or visit [www.ocba.sa.gov.au](http://www.ocba.sa.gov.au)