

**Submission
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NON-REGISTERED MOTORISED VEHICLES

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Dear Sir

I am concerned about the impact of cars to the environment and have used motorised bicycles for 5 years to go shopping to do my part to combat global warming. I have found them a convenient and cost effective means of transport.

At 67 years old one of the most important issues is to stay safe and have as little impact on other road users and I have never been involved in an accident (although many cars have no regard for bicycle riders). I have also been harassed by local police as to the power rating of my bicycle (which is 200Watts) and they continue to tell me to remove the bicycle from the roads. As police have no way to verify that my motor is 200W (even though it is lucky to pull 25KPH) I believe the power rating to be a nonsense and a maximum speed limit would be far more effective (say 50KPH).

The ability to keep up with traffic flow would make the bike safer as most car drivers get frustrated (which is when they pose a danger to me).

To be able to keep up with traffic would make motorised bicycles a much better option than a normal bicycle.

These vehicles are the answer to combat the problems of global warming, increasing congestion and pollution.

The problem with bicycles (motorised or otherwise) tends to come young people with little or no traffic experience and no regard for other road users and pedestrians, or themselves.

I would recommend increasing the speed allowed by motorised bikes to make them safer from frustrated motorists and also the extension of bike only paths and shared pathways for the safety of all.