

## NON-REGISTERED MOTORISED VEHICLES

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### **Submission to Inquiry into Non-Registered Motorised Vehicles.**

As a concerned resident, Motorist and Shift worker I wish to make the submission to the Inquiry into Non-Registered Motorized Vehicles.

My first concern is the rapid growth in the use of non-registered vehicles I encounter every day on the road and footpaths and within parkland. When I have confronted people operating these vehicles most of the time they are not even aware that they are in breach of some law or regulation. While I do not expect everybody to know ever law it should be obvious that this type of behavior is unacceptable and illegal. Having said that it is very hard to what find what a person can or cannot do with non-registered vehicles out side of there own property.

With regard to the use of quad bikes on public roads and with parkland I find that the use of these vehicles to be both dangerous and pointless. The people operating them are usually unsupervised children or teenagers with no understand of their own safety or the road rules. Furthermore the main point of using these vehicles on public roads and parkland is for recreational purposes which means they are driven for long periods usually by more then one person along roads, footpaths and parks without regard to the amount of normal vehicle traffic, the ongoing noise they make in the street and fact that they commonly travel on the wrong side of the road and without lighting at night.

As a rail-safety shift worker the issue of noise is a major concern to me and when these quad bikes were operating on my street it was impossible to sleep during these times. At one stage I was calling the local police twice a week in an attempt to have these vehicles stopped to no avail. Thankfully, in the last year the use of these vehicles has stopped, but I still see (and hear) them in others parts of my suburb on almost a daily basis. Even while walking my dog in the local passive park the have also encountered quad bikes travelling at high speed causing me to move from the footpath and startling my dog with the noise these vehicles make as they pass.

I also feel that the use of powered bicycles is becoming a major safety hazard on the roads. It is impossible to tell if a how fast a powered bicycle is approaching. Normally when a bicycle is approaching you are aware of its speed, but when they are powered the closing time is much shorter and it can be very difficult to judge when it is safe to cross the road of move your motor vehicle into its path. All powered bicycles look the same as non-powered bicycles and it is not until you hear the noise of the engine are you aware that it could be travelling faster then a normal bicycle. While driving a motor vehicle the speed of approaching bicycles can be a little frightening on the road.

I personally believe that all quad bikes, small miniature bikes and any other type of small unregistered powered recreational vehicles should be banned from all public land and roads. I believe that powered bicycles should be limited to a speed of not more than 15km/h on public roads and banned from footpaths. I also think that bicycles powered by a small combustion engine should be noise limited.

Signed,

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A signed copy of this submission was also posted to Inquiry.