NON-REGISTERED MOTORISED VEHICLES

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Submission to Inquiry into Non-Registered Motorised Vehicles.

Please accept my submission to the Inquiry into non-registered motorized vehicles:

My primary concern is for those 'motor-bike' style recreational vehicles driven by children or youths on suburban streets. The issues of speed and noise are dominant in my objection to them being driven on public roads. Our roads were never conceived for 'fun' and the vast majority of parents have raised their children to understand the serious nature of roads, vehicles on roads and speed. The use of our roads for fun activities countermands our specific goal of reducing the road toll, especially of our younger drivers. They feel that the speed limit does not apply to them and risk taking is a 'prized' aspect of their fun.

Another major issue is sound pollution. I am disabled and require an afternoon nap at a popular time for youngsters to get out and buzz loudly up and down the street. It is not a regular hum but a very loud and varying sound which is very difficult to ignore. This does disturb my sleep and sometimes causes me pain due to the lack of an appropriate rest regime. I have complained to the police but they often have more serious issues to deal with and turn up later when the bikes have gone. They are aware of police actions and appear to come out again after the police have left the street.

I have noticed, when observing these riders, that they do not wear protective garments like motor cyclists do. They also double up dangerously with very young children clinging on, often whilst a parent cheers them on. As a motorist myself it appears to me that they consider that road rules don't apply to them because they drive on the wrong side of the road and undertake sudden U-turns at times.

Perhaps we need more places for them to take their vehicles to for fun but never on our roads. I don't believe that registering them is going to solve or change anything.

The other vehicles I have seen are the seniors' ride-ons. I have had no problems with these as their riders appear to not only follow road rules and drive sensibly but also make safety (flags and bright colours) a strong feature of their vehicles and use.

Signed,

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