Submission No 32

NON-REGISTERED MOTORISED VEHICLES

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Hi

I have a few points regarding powered bicycles that I would like you to consider.

Powered bicycles are no more dangerous than pushbikes especially if the power is limited to the current 200 watts in the city and 400 watts in the country areas.

I will use motorised pushbike because there is a lack of public transport in my area. I live in a small country town of 300 people, so services are limited so allowing me to use my powered bike is essential for me. Powered bikes reduce pollution and motorised pushbikes reduce traffic congestion by getting cars off the road? It s also becoming more difficult to afford to keep registering my car and filling it up with petrol?

I believe current 200W power restrictions should be increased in country areas probably to at least 400watts. Currently Australia have the most severe power limits of any country that I am aware of. Power output of unregistered vehicles in Europe is 250W and other countries such as the USA and Canada allow far higher power outputs.

I would be in favor of a small annual insurance fee to provide a pool of funds to compensate for pushbike accident or injury?

I am planning to build a Koyoto social delta tandem tricycle with pedal power, and to make the machine more practical for where I live I would love to include an electric motor on the front wheel hub as an option but I think this is illegal in NSW at the present, please change the rules and make it legal.