Submission No 38

NON-REGISTERED MOTORISED VEHICLES

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Dear Sir

I have been using a motorised bicycle for over 2 years to get to and from work and have found it a very convenient and cost effective way of doing this. At 50 years of age one of the most important issues is to stay safe and have as little impact on other road user as possible and so far I am glad to report no innocents. The ability to not stay up with traffic but to be able to go with the flow tends to make this form of transport a much better option than a normal bicycle which I have also clock up my share of road kms in the past 35 years. With increasing congestion on our major cities roads and pollution I believe that the vehicles covered by this committee report must consider these vehicles a as part of the answer to combat the problems. I would add that in my experience problems with these types of vehicles tends to stem from them falling in the hands of young people with little or no traffic exposure and little regards for other road users and pedestrians.

By the use of my motorised bicycle my 10.5 km journey to and from work is completed in the same time as taking my car with the majority of it on back roads away from traffic avoiding 2 sets of lights and a roundabout. I look forward to hear the outcome from the committee and hope that the few points I have raised may assist in the committee to a better understand of the diverse range of people utilising these transport modes. I have a wife and 2 children and cannot afford to run a 2nd car in the family a modest single income makes this the most viable option.

Regards Ron Betts

