

**Submission
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NON-REGISTERED MOTORISED VEHICLES

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your inquiry into non-registered motorised vehicles is very important and I trust it will have outcomes which will ensure protection for pedestrians who are the ones most liable to suffer injury from unskilled users of the said vehicles.

I am particularly concerned re the users of motorised mobility scooters. I live in a retirement village where there is no control over the users of these scooters and no one assesses their physical and general health abilities to use the scooters. One scooter user is suffering a bad health condition, has already bumped a resident's leg, causing bruising and I believe the scooter user has poor reflexes. I know my problem arises on private property (common property in our Strata Titled Retirement Village) but if there was some general licensing, medical certificates etc to prove the users ability it would surely help. Also, there should be compulsory insurance to cover the injury and health problems caused, to others, by the scooter users.

Another area where the scooter users cause a problem is in supermarkets and similar shopping areas. Once again, private property comes to the fore. Who is responsible if I should be injured by a scooter user in such a situation?

I believe registration of these vehicles is the only solution, although there would be an outcry from the disabled/partly disabled people who use them. I am 81 years of age, with significant mobility and health problems. I believe I should be adequately protected from users of non-registered vehicles. I do have insurance cover for accidents, but once 80 years of age is reached, the cover drops dramatically. At this age, an injury is likely to be more disabling than it would be to a younger person.

Trusting your inquiry will result in improved and safer conditions for pedestrians

Yours sincerely,



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