

**INQUIRY INTO USE OF E-SCOOTERS, E-BIKES AND
RELATED MOBILITY OPTIONS**

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I am a General Practitioner (GP) in a large regional centre in NSW. I use a OneWheel (electronic personal mobility device/e-board) recreationally. Currently, my husband and I travel to Queensland to be able to use these devices legally. It enables us to see the sights of Brisbane with ease, leaving our car parked, taking up little space on the foot path, and due to their excellent and intuitive design we are able to commute at walking pace in crowded spots or at a faster speed to aid commuting. They are limited to 25km/hr but I have never needed to use that speed. I always wear a helmet and carry a small bell to alert pedestrians or cyclists of my presence. I have invariably been met with exclamations of wonder at the novelty of the device, it is not noisy, not intrusive and is easy to control. I have never had a negative encounter with a pedestrian/cyclist. My husband and I take our money interstate due to being unable to use these devices in our home town. Being able to use my device in NSW would save me using my car during the day, and provide a much needed mental break being able to ride it in my lunch period to practice mindfulness, as well as provide a fun community of like minded users (we often meet with other OneWheel riders in Brisbane for group rides). Other states have clearly demonstrated the many benefits for commuting and CBD decongestion by allowing for electronic personal mobility devices (PMD), as well as already creating appropriate legislative precedents that NSW need only adopt to see the same benefits as well as keeping recreational dollars in NSW. I sincerely hope the NSW government will finally approve these devices. We are making plans to move to Queensland as the frustration of being unable to use our devices, coupled with the years long delay in NSW approving the use of electric PMDs, makes this the most logical solution. This is how much being able to use these devices means to us.