

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

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I am a Veteran & have both mobility & mental health issues. We have four OneWheels in our house. We have been riding for over three years. We use them at our residence & also used them around the local area until warned by a Highway Patrol Police Officer in an unmarked vehicle. He informed us of the penalties & that we weren't to use them on the footpath or road related areas. My wife & I were on the footpath, wearing helmets, wrist, elbow & knee guards & also had a bell each travelling responsibly giving way to pedestrians & travelling quite slowly as we were passed often by cyclists. Neither of us have ever had negative interaction with pedestrians, cyclists or anyone for that matter & often meet with smiles & asked about them whenever we use them. We now travel interstate & spend weekends away just to be able to use our OneWheels legally. We save our recreational dollar's to spend in QLD for this privilege. We are also entertaining the idea of moving interstate (QLD) to be able to use our OneWheels without hassle & frustration. The legislation introduced in QLD is quite simple & easy to understand which makes using our OneWheels very easy. The benefits that our EV devices (In our case our OneWheels) are that we can cover a lot of distance & leave our vehicle in one park outside of the CBD (either in Brisbane or the Gold Coast) When staying interstate we're able to leave our vehicles parked for the entire weekend & use our OneWheels to get around & do our eating out, entertainment & shopping trips all with ease using our micro personal mobility devices & also understand it is a wonderful way to take in the outdoors & I must say I am always smiling when I'm riding my OneWheel, they are truly an amazing & delightful design which has the added benefit of helping me with not only mobility but my mental health too. The thought of being able to use my OneWheel for trips within my town would save me from having to use my vehicle in between appointments/shopping/errands, saving on fuel & therefore emissions would be a huge benefit for not only me but the whole community. I would highly encourage the NSW government to amend the legislation (as other states eg QLD, ACT) to allow the use of personal electronic micro devices in streets of 50km & below & on footpaths & road related areas for the betterment of the reasons listed above.