

Re Mobility Scooters.

I have been riding a mobility scooter for the best part of ten years now, without it I would be stuck at home much more than I am now. I would not be able to get to my doctors' appointments nor do my shopping etc. Living alone, having my scooter is my independence which I feel is paramount to my wellbeing in both a physical and mental capacity. It means I can leave my home when it suits me.

I know there are some people who ride these scooters who are just plain inconsiderate of others, but I can assure you I am not one of them. Why should the people who do the right thing be penalised for people who don't.

To quote from an article I read '**Just because Senator William's wife was injured in a mobility scooter accident is no reason to change the law to suit one politician.**'

Scooters are not the only things used on pavements and it's unfair to target just those who use them. I am sick to death of going down the shopping strip in Richmond Melbourne and adults are riding their pushbikes (illegal by the way) on the footpath. I have seen people hit and nearly hit coming out of shops by these irresponsible idiots and yet when I complained to our local council I was told it's nothing to do with them,

I would also like to point out that every time I go out on my scooter the amount of pedestrians that walk along the footpath with their heads looking down at their damn mobile phones, nearly walk into me. What about a law that stops these fools walking and texting at the same time.

Mobility scooters will allow anyone who struggles with mobility the opportunity to remain independent and active, so please don't change the law. Maybe better awareness for people is much better,

**One other quick point:** I live where there are some extremely steep hills, if the scooter was to only be able to go at 6kmph & not 10kmph as mine does, it would be lucky if I could get up the hill at the speed of 1 or 2 kmph, therefore it would take a heck of a lot longer to get around. Just because a scooter can go 10kmph doesn't mean people have to do that speed, a bit like driving a car, just because you can drive a car at 60kmph, doesn't mean you have to go that fast. You drive according to the traffic and conditions.

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