The future of e-scooters and other personal mobility devices in South Australia

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Consultation Outcomes Report

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport sought feedback on whether the broader community wants the South Australian Government to enable ongoing use of electric scooters (e-scooters), electric skateboards (e-skateboards) and other personal mobility devices (PMDs) on the road network in South Australia. The aim was to ensure that any future framework for the use of PMDs, including for private purposes, on public roads and paths is safe for all road users.



6 week consultation from 11 April to 21 May 2023

1822 survey responses through YourSAy

55 written submissions from individuals

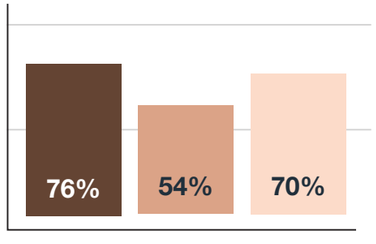
20 written submissions from organisations

8 phone submissions from individuals

What We Heard

Support for use of PMDs

Most respondents support the ongoing use of PMDs on public roads and paths.

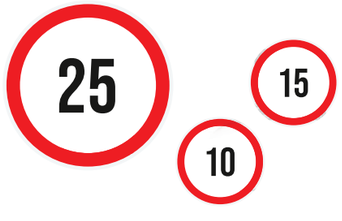


- **76%** of YourSAy survey respondents supported a range of PMD use, including both e-scooters and e-skateboards. Support for e-scooter use only was higher at 87%.
- **54%** of the written and phone submissions from individuals supported PMD use in some form, with most not distinguishing between types of PMD.
- **70%** of organisations (14 out of 20) supported PMD use, with most not distinguishing between types of PMD.

Road and path access

Responses commonly favoured broad access to roads, bike lanes and paths, but recommended that lower speed limits should apply where access was shared with pedestrians or vulnerable road users.

Speed restrictions



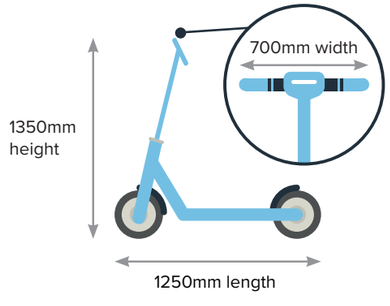
For example:

- Maximum of 10km/h – 15km/h where PMDs are used on footpaths and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Maximum of 25km/h where PMDs are used in bike lanes and/or on roads where permitted (e.g. where urban speed limit is 50km/h).

PMD specifications

Existing PMD specifications that apply for e-scooters under trial were supported by most respondents. These would apply to all PMDs.

Recommended maximum size



Weight

Responses recommended device weight limits to be set at a maximum of between 25kg and 30kg.



Rules for riders

Responses supported continuing these rules:



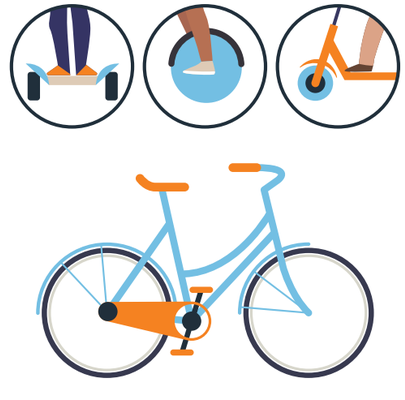
But some people want to change some current rules and allow the following:

- Reduce the 18+ years of age restriction to 16+ to allow younger riders.
- Permit foldable PMDs on public transport to support first and last mile commuting.

Insurance, registration and licensing

Most responses supported treating PMDs similarly to bikes in terms of insurance, registration and licensing. This means that there was generally a preference not to require registration, licensing or compulsory insurance of any kind, including public liability or Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance.

Personal Mobility Device = Bike



What next

This feedback will be used to inform a decision about PMD use in South Australia, including any future regulatory or legislative changes. We will keep you updated as this progresses. Keep in touch at DIT.RoadSafety@sa.gov.au