

## Attachment 2. Draft State Government Safety-based e-scooter trial Regulatory Parameters

### Safety-based e-scooter trial regulatory parameters

1. E-scooters will be limited to using low-speed roads (up to and including 50 kilometres per hour), bicycle lanes, bicycle paths, separated and shared paths (on the bicycle side, if specified) (3 penalty units).
  - a. Note the 50km/h road limit always applies – i.e. you can ride an e-scooter in a bicycle lane provided that the lane is on a road with a speed limit of 50km/h or less.
2. E-scooters will not be permitted on footpaths (but are allowed on separated and shared paths) and high-speed roads (i.e. where the specified speed limit is above 50 kilometres per hour) (3 penalty units).
3. E-scooters must have a maximum speed of and not travel in excess of 20 kilometres per hour (3 penalty units).
4. E-scooter riders will be subject to blood alcohol content (BAC) and drug use restrictions applying to other motorists under the *Road Safety Act 1986* (penalties as per *Road Safety Act 1986*).
  - a. While a driver licence is not required to operate an e-scooter, the penalties that apply under the RSA for breaching BAC/drug use restrictions will apply to the e-scooter rider's licence, should they have one.
5. A person must not consume alcoholic beverages while travelling on an e-scooter (5 penalty units).
6. Users must wear a helmet when operating an e-scooter (5 penalty units).
7. E-scooter riders must be at least 18 years of age (3 penalty units).
8. E-scooter use should be restricted to specific local government areas (LGAs) (3 penalty units).
9. Only e-scooters operated by share scheme commercial operators within participating LGAs can be used (no private e-scooters) (3 penalty units).
  - a. '*Commercially operated share scheme*' is defined in the regulations as "a joint arrangement between a Council and a commercial operator to provide electric scooters for hire on a short-term basis to members of the public."
10. E-scooters must meet certain physical and hardware requirements (i.e. must have 2 wheels; built to transport one person while standing; is steered by means of a handlebar etc.). E-scooters are treated in the same way as bicycles in relation to brakes, warning device (bell), lights, reflectors, etc (2-5 penalty units).
11. E-scooter riders must adhere to certain behaviours, including that riders:
  - a. have proper control at all times and ride with due care and reasonable consideration for road users and pedestrians (5 penalty units)
  - b. use a warning (e.g. bell, horn or verbal) to avert danger
  - c. not ride two abreast (3 penalty units)
  - d. not carry passengers (3 penalty units)

- e. give way to pedestrians (where appropriate, i.e. on a shared path; and keep left unless impractical) (3 penalty units)
- f. not use a hand-held mobile phone whilst riding (10 penalty units)
- g. not lead an animal, including by tethering the animal to the e-scooter (3 penalty units).

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