

E-rideable Policy

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Motor Trade Association of WA Policy Statement

Prohibit the sale of non-compliant e-rideable devices and conversion kits in WA.

Recommendations

1. Prohibit the sale of non-compliant e-rideable devices and conversion kits in retail outlets and online sales platforms.
2. Continue and expand on Road Safety e-ridable education campaigns in schools and to the public.
3. Amend legislation to mandate that all motorcycles, including purpose-built electric motorcycles, that are not suitable to be registered for road use, are registered as an off-road vehicle and used in an approved off-road vehicle area, as defined by the *Control of Vehicles (Off-Road Areas) Act 1978*.
4. In consultation with industry, develop an education and information campaign to promote permitted off-road vehicle areas available to users with a strong safety message on correct use and safety apparel.

Background

- An increase in the supply and development of high-powered e-rideable devices and conversion kits, both online and in retail stores, has contributed to non-compliant devices and vehicles being used illegally and inappropriately.
- These non-compliant devices have caused and contributed to an increasing number of incidents, injuries and unfortunately deaths.
- The supply of a similar unsuitable product can be compared to when Australia was introduced to the miniature motor bike. Between 2005-2016, there were 14 deaths attributed to the inappropriate use of miniature motor bikes in Australia, and in response, the ACCC banned miniature motor bikes.

Rationale

- In WA, a compliant e-rideable is defined as a small electric vehicle with a maximum speed of 25 km/h and a maximum weight of up to 25 kg.
- Non-compliant e-rideable devices are capable of speeds exceeding 60km/h, putting the user and pedestrians at risk.

- Illegal e-rideable devices are being sold to consumers and used on public roads and paths, causing injury and death.
- Non-compliant conversion kits allow the e-rideable to exceed the maximum speed limit or increase the e-rideable's weight above 25kg.
- Non-compliant conversion kits used on bicycles increase the speed and weight of the device, creating an illegal, unlicensed motorcycle.

Scope

- Prohibit the sale of non-compliant e-rideable devices and conversion kits in retail outlets and online sales platforms.
- An e-rideable must meet specific legal definitions to be sold and used in WA.
- Purpose-built electric motorcycles that have been registered to be used on the road or as an off-road vehicle and used in an approved off-road vehicle area, as defined by the *Control of Vehicles (Off-Road Areas) Act 1978*, are exempt from this policy.

End.

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