

When it comes to the limitations on users, there are one more factor we need to consider. And that is, who can ride the e-scooters?

To begin with, the ACT government website has raised the question: what do you think is a safe age for children to ride unsupervised in a public place? As we can see from the pie chart, the majority of responses 75%, think that it's safe enough for children over 12 years old to ride e-scooters on road. And this is a quite understandable response considering the facts that escooters and normal scooters share a lot in common.

We then ask the question of whether people should get a licence before they ride e-scooters on road. The result, however, is divided approximately evenly between the two groups. That is 56% of the responses hold the opinion that people should hold a licence first. While the remaining 44% think otherwise.

Well, by now we have discussed all three aspects centered in the the questionnaire, which are speed, location and user restriction. According to the responses, we get to the following recommendations:

First of all, the maximum speed allowed should be limited to 20 km/h.

Second, e-scooters should not be ridden on the high pedestrian areas. Meanwhile, riders can carry their devices to public transport and they can park e-scooters in bike parking areas.

Last but not least, there should also be comprehensive considerations about the limitations on riders. Children under 12 years old should be supervised by their guardians. Besides, safety gears must be worn on road by riders and they should keep a distance of at least 1.5 meters from each other to ensure safety. As far as the licence is concerned, more research needs to be done in the future.

In conclusion, ACT government needs to take all these 3 factors into account to ensure the safety of everyone on road.

About the responsible research and innovation, all of our procedures have conformed to the principles of RRI.

Most of the survey responses are consistent with our common sense. In fact, next time when you see e-scooters on road, you can make a little observation and think for a while about road-related laws yourself.

Thank you!