

I am writing to advise of a particular situation in my apartment building which you need to consider when looking at mobility scooters.

A woman in my apartment building is an alcoholic and goes out everyday in the morning and returns about mid day totally drunk. So drunk in fact she cannot walk, and often crawls along the floor of the garage to get to the lifts. When sober she is quite capable of walking. She inherited the scooter from her mother who, I understand,, died several years ago , so she has had no assessment as to her suitability or need for a scooter.

When I looked on the website for the NSW centre for road safety it said that riding a mobility scooter with a blood content over 0.5 is illegal. It also indicated that breathalysing a mobility scooter rider is not allowed.

So I would like to suggest that mobility scooters only be allowed to be ridden by approved riders and that suspected drunk drivers be allowed to be breathalyzed by the police. Approval of riders can be by an assessment of a doctor or other suitable qualified professionals.

Driving an electric scooter whilst drunk can be dangerous to other pedestrians , so should be illegal.

Thanks for your time.

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