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Motor Vehicles Act and Traffic Act

Exemption from Motor Vehicles Act and Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations

I, Paul Nathan Rajan, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, pursuant to section 135 of the *Motor Vehicles Act* and section 43B of the *Traffic Act*, hereby exempt Segways (two-wheeled self-balancing, battery-powered personal transportation devices with a single axle, a platform for the feet and an upright post surmounted by handles) from the registration, motor accident compensation contributions, vehicle standards and driver licensing requirements of the *Motor Vehicles Act*, *Traffic Act* and the *Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations*, subject to the following conditions:

1. A person using a Segway must not travel along a road unless either—
 - (a) there is an obstruction on a footpath, nature strip, or shared path adjacent to the road (an adjacent area); and
 - (b) it is impracticable to travel on the adjacent area; and
 - (c) the Segway travels less than 50m along the road to avoid the obstruction; or

the use of a Segway on that road is permitted by the relevant authority having the care control and management of the road.

For the purposes of this condition, **road** means an area that is used by

the public and is developed for, or has as one of its main uses, the driving or riding of motor vehicles, and includes the shoulder of the road (within the meaning of Australian Road Rule 12(3)) and any bicycle lane (within the meaning of Australian Road Rule 153(4)) marked on the road.

2. A person using a Segway on a footpath or shared path must—
 - (a) keep to the left of the footpath or shared path unless it is impracticable to do so; and
 - (b) give way to pedestrians on the footpath or shared path.
3. A person using a Segway on a footpath or shared path must keep to the left of any oncoming bicycle rider or other Segway user on the path.
4. A person using a Segway must wear a bicycle helmet approved for the purposes of Australian Road Rule 256 and securely fitted and fastened on the user's head.
5. A person using a Segway must be—
 - (a) at least 16 years; or
 - (b) supervised by an adult while using the Segway if the person is at least 12 years but under 16 years.
6. A person using a Segway must not carry any other person on the Segway.
7. A person must not use a Segway at a speed over 12km/h.
8. A person must not use a Segway unless the Segway has a bell, horn or similar warning device in working order.
9. A person must not use a Segway at night, or in hazardous weather conditions causing reduced visibility, unless the person, or the Segway, displays—
 - (a) a flashing or steady white light that is clearly visible for at least 200m from the front of the Segway; and

- (b) a flashing or steady red light that is clearly visible for at least 200m from the rear of the Segway.

Dated 29 May 2014

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Registrar of Motor Vehicles