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### **Inquiry into non-registered motorised vehicles**

Staysafe—the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety—has launched an investigation into the increasing use of non-registered motorised vehicles and their impact on road safety. The inquiry will look at a range of issues including vehicle standards, accident data collection, skills and competency training and insurance issues, and will investigate how local governments and other jurisdictions are handling the growing popularity of non-registered vehicles.

People are looking at alternative forms of transport to get around their neighbourhoods and for enjoyment and exercise. However the increasing use of non-registered vehicles has an impact on other vulnerable road users, as well as the vehicle users themselves.

'Non-registered vehicles are used by a wide range of people for different purposes. Mobility scooters allow people with a disability to remain active in their local community, electric bicycles increase the range and speed of cycling and, at the other end of the spectrum, quad bikes are used for recreational activities. People are also using power-assisted bikes as an alternative to driving a car,' said Committee Chair, Greg Aplin MP.

'Increasing use of these types of vehicles will result in more risks, both to riders and to people sharing public roads and footpaths and public land. The Staysafe Committee wants to ensure that the vehicles themselves are safe to use and that they are used responsibly.'

The Committee is inviting submissions to the inquiry. The inquiry's terms of reference are attached. Submissions can be emailed to [staysafe@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:staysafe@parliament.nsw.gov.au), lodged via the website, [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/staysafe](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/staysafe), or mailed to: The Chair, Joint Committee on Road Safety, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

The closing date for submissions is 30 April and it is anticipated public hearings to gather further evidence will be held shortly afterwards.

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