

NON-REGISTERED MOTORISED VEHICLES

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The Chair
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Dear Sir

Submission for Use of Non-registered Motorised Vehicles

I refer to the invitation by the Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (Staysafe Committee) for Council to provide a submission on the use of non-registered vehicles and motorised devices on public roads, footpaths and public land. Further reference is made to the agreement to provide Council an extension of two weeks in order to make a submission.

Council at its meeting on 23 April 2013 considered a report regarding the use of non-registered motorised vehicles and it was recommended that a submission be lodged with the NSW Staysafe Committee.

It was considered by Council that these forms of transport have been taken up by various users across the Campbelltown Local Government Area and perhaps reflect a range of different community needs for more personal, convenient and inexpensive transport. These forms of personal transport may be argued by some users to be a workable alternative to private motor vehicles or public transport.

In considering issues raised by community groups, Council staff has a range of matters that they wish to bring to the attention of the Staysafe Committee as outlined below:

- No licensing requirements
- Public safety issues associated with riding in local streets and public spaces
- Potential for excessive noise and resident complaints associated with the use of converter motors with no exhaust system.
- Anti-social behaviour involving racing of these machines in residential areas
- Lack of personal safety gear and the welfare of riders
- The availability of conversion kits for small petrol motors for installation on bicycles

- An absence of education for users on road use
- Insurance and liability issues

Council considers that the above listed community concerns and potential impacts require consideration by the Staysafe Committee.

A number of advantages were considered by Council as outlined below:

- Motorised mobility scooters improve some people's mobility and provide an alternative, cost effective means of transport in areas where public transport is limited or not available (particularly doer young people)
- Although high initial cost, they are less expensive to operate
- In some cases, training is provided by the manufacturer/supplier

Council further suggests that only manufactured motorised pushbike/bicycles (control measures installed in accordance with approved standards) be permitted, and laws be implemented to prohibit the sale of petrol motor conversion kits for bicycles.

Council appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission to assist the Staysafe Committee enquiry on the use of non-registered Motor Vehicles

If you require any further information please contact Councils Director City Works

Yours sincerely



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