

**Submission
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NON-REGISTERED MOTORISED VEHICLES

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Dear Ms Nordin

Re: Inquiry into Non-Registered Motor Vehicles

I refer to your letter dated 4 March 2013 inviting submissions to the Inquiry into Non-Registered Motorised Vehicles. Liverpool City Council is pleased to provide the following submission to the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee (Staysafe Committee).

Council notes that the Committee is inquiring into the increasing use of non-registered motorised vehicles, including mobility scooters, electric bicycles, Segways and quad bikes on public roads, footpaths and public land and their impact on road safety, and provides the following comments to the Terms of Reference.

- a) *The current status of non-registered motorised vehicles in road rules definitions and the extent of road safety problems related to their use*

Liverpool City Council does not receive a large number of complaints regarding the use of non-motorised vehicles. Complaints that are received include children riding small motorbikes on footpaths and when complaints are received in relation to their use, the matter is referred to the Liverpool or Green Valley Police for their enforcement.

Feedback received from motorised scooter users include requests for paved footpaths wide enough for scooter use. Users have also raised the issue of access on and off public transport services.

- b) *The adequacy of data collection for injury and fatality rates arising from the use of non-registered motorised vehicles*

The provision of crash data from the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is limited to crashes that occur on roads only. The provision of data relating to off-road accidents involving non-motorised vehicles would be beneficial in preparing grant submissions for targeted road safety projects.

- c) *Vehicle standards requirements for non-registered motorised vehicles, including vehicle design, engine capacity, mass and speed controls*

This requirement is not a Local Government responsibility. However, for Local Government to design facilities, including footpaths to accommodate non-registered motorised vehicles, it is considered appropriate for the committee to provide information on vehicle standards, vehicle design, engine capacity, mass and speed controls.

- d) *The extent and effectiveness of education and the necessity for skills and competency training for users of non-registered motorised vehicles, particularly in relation to safe use*

Liverpool City Council supports the NRMA in their delivery of the Motorised Scooter Program presentation, through the Liverpool Access Committee. This NRMA program provides opportunities to be advised of concerns by the scooter users. Some users have raised concerns that there is no formal test or authorising body to assess motorised scooter users skills and abilities.

- e) *Insurance implications of injuries and fatalities sustained and caused by non-registered motorised vehicles*


This requirement is not a Local Government responsibility. However, for insurance purposes it is appropriate that non-motorised vehicle users be encouraged to consider property or liability cover.

- f) *Initiatives taken by local Councils and other jurisdictions to certify, register and regulate the use of currently non-registered motorised vehicles*

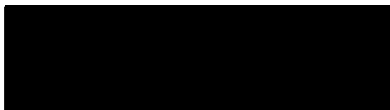
This requirement is not a Local Government responsibility in NSW. Council has therefore not taken any initiatives to put in place procedures for registering the use of these vehicles. The inquiry should provide some guidance and clarification on possible registration, including responsibility of registration and regulation between State and Local Governments.

- g) *Any other related matters*

The use of wider non-registered motorised vehicles has financial implications for Councils, particularly the provision of wider footpaths and facilities to accommodate their wider design. This concern needs to be discussed and included in the committee's report.

Should you require any further information on this submission, please contact the undersigned on 

Yours sincerely



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