Submission No 62

## NON-REGISTERED MOTORISED VEHICLES

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Mr Greg Aplin MP
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Joint Committee on Road Safety
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Aplin

## Subject: Submission to the Inquiry into non-registered motorised vehicles

The City of Canterbury is characterised by a steadily increasing proportion of the population with people over 55 years old. There is also a high proportion of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds living in the area.

In March 2013 the City of Canterbury's Road Safety Advisory Committee meeting identified an increasing use of non-registered vehicles in our area. While the incidence of injuries resulting from accidents involving non-registered vehicles is not currently significant, the growing demand for motorised scooters may result in an increase in such injuries in the future.

The use of non-registered vehicles also has the following implications for the City of Canterbury and our key strategic objectives:

- 1. In a densely populated area such as Canterbury City there are constraints on the capacity of pedestrian footpaths to accommodate an increasing volume of a variety of users.
- 2. Both users of non-registered vehicles and the general population should have safe access to the facilities in the built environment where they can work, acquire goods and services and enjoy socially inclusive activities that support meaningful and independent lives.
- 3. Access to pedestrian and transport is particularly critical to the physical mobility, independence and access to health services of older people and people with a disability.

In summary, while the use of non-registered vehicles in our area does not currently represent a serious problem, the City of Canterbury would welcome regulatory measures

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In summary, while the use of non-registered vehicles in our area does not currently represent a serious problem, the City of Canterbury would welcome regulatory measures that ensure that the users of non-registered vehicles have the capacity, skill, knowledge and access to education needed to use them effectively and safely.

Yours sincerely

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