

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 6 – TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS

Inquiry into the use of e-scooters, e-bikes and related mobility options

TERMS OF REFERENCE

That Portfolio Committee No. 6 - Transport and the Arts inquire into and report on the use of e-scooters, e-bikes (including shared schemes), related mobility options, and in particular:

- (a) the current and anticipated role of all three levels of government in enabling and encouraging safe electrified active transport options
- (b) opportunities to reform the regulatory framework to achieve better and safe outcomes for riders and the community
- (c) local council, industry and stakeholder perspectives on the utilisation and impact of e-mobility devices in the community
- (d) opportunities to improve mobility, the customer experience, safety for users and the community
- (e) the potential benefits and risks of existing regulatory and policy settings, including the *Roads Act 1993*, Road Rules and Road User Space Allocation Policy and other related legislation regarding safety, traffic, and personal convenience
- (f) the extent that e-mobility devices have positive community benefits such as encouraging mode shift, relieving congestion, addressing social disadvantage and tourism
- (g) opportunities across government to improve outcomes in regard to e-scooters, e-bikes, and related mobility options
- (h) best practice in other Australian and international jurisdictions
- (i) the economic analysis of e-mobility contribution to safe transport at night for shift workers and women, to mode shift and to first and last mile transport, and
- (j) any other related matters.

The terms of reference for the inquiry were referred to the committee by the Legislative Council on 6 June 2024.¹

¹ Minutes, NSW Legislative Council, 6 June 2024, pp 1230-1231.

Committee membership

_	Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	The Greens	Chair
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