

TRANSPORT AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023

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Dear Transport and Resources Committee,

RE: *Transport and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023*

RACQ has reviewed the *Transport and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023* ('the Bill') and provides the following comments for the Committee's consideration.

The RACQ has over 1.7 million members and we regularly receive communications expressing concerns regarding safety and enforcement of e-mobility devices. RACQ's most recent *Annual Road Safety Survey* found that the majority (80.3%) of Queensland respondents (motor vehicle drivers aged 18+) feel that e-scooters and other electric personal mobility devices have increased the mobility options and improved travel affordability. However, almost 9 in 10 believe the introduction of these devices has resulted in a less safe road and pathway environment.

RACQ is collaborating with the Jamieson Trauma Institute and the RBWH Foundation to collect data on injuries from e-mobility devices to better understand how we can improve safety of these devices. We have also carried out our own member research into rider behaviours and conducted practical testing of e-scooter rideability traits, which we presented at the 2023 Australasian Road Safety Conference.

RACQ welcomes the Government's decision to improve road safety, streamline and enhance administrative and legislative processes, and clarify existing requirements regarding personal mobility devices, such as e-scooters.

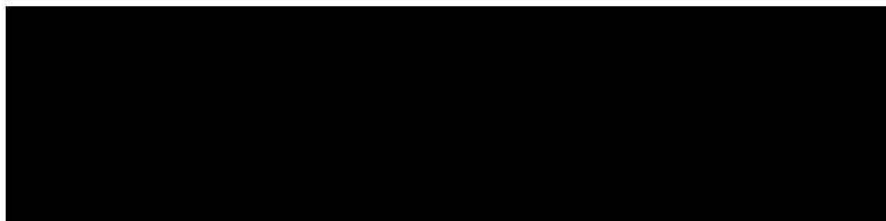
We believe that all road safety related changes proposed in the *Bill* appear reasonable. We are pleased to see term 'low-powered toy scooter' is now used to delineate between a child's toy and a personal mobility device. This was our preferred term as we believe it makes the Bill much clearer. We are also pleased to see that the requirement for a child or a vulnerable road user to being only required to provide their particulars to the police has been addressed.

Along with the changes in legislation, we believe that improvements in infrastructure and greater enforcement of the rules are also vital in increasing safe use of e-mobility devices. Wider pathways and segregated lanes to reduce incidents with pedestrians and other path and road users along with greater police enforcement will lead to less accidents, injuries and even deaths. RACQ is also working on guidelines for parking of e-mobility devices, to improve safety and accessibility for vulnerable road users including those with vision and mobility impairment. As this new mobility option gains popularity, the transport system must adapt to both accommodate and effectively manage so increased usage so does not negatively impact other road users.



RACQ appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Transport and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023*. If you have any queries relating to RACQ's comments, please contact Joel Tucker, Manager Road Safety and Technical [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,



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