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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Personal Mobility Devices

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services) (10.45 am): There is no denying the popularity of e-scooters since they emerged a few years ago. The key to regulating new technology is making sure that shared spaces such as footpaths, bikeways and shared paths are as safe as they can be for everyone. After the Palaszczuk government introduced the first wave of new personal mobility device rules last year, we made it a priority to address additional safety concerns and fix inconsistencies in legislation. Those new laws build on the work that we have done over the past 12 months and ensure consistency for all drivers and riders. We have developed the laws with key stakeholders on our PMD Safety Reference Group, including the Queensland Police Service, local government representatives, PMD user groups, disability advocates, the RACQ and pedestrian and cycling groups.

In particular, the new laws will make it an offence for the rider of a PMD or bike to ride without due care and attention on a road related area such as a footpath, a bike path or a shared path. It is already an offence to ride carelessly on a road, but the new rule will ensure that acts of careless riding that put other path users at risk can now be enforced on all relevant infrastructure. Dangerous personal mobility device riders will not receive an on-the-spot fine if they are riding carelessly; instead, they will have a date with a magistrate.

Queenslanders already know that when they are involved in road crashes they are required to stop, remain at the scene, render medical assistance to any injured person and exchange relevant information such as name and address details. Those obligations did not apply consistently to PMD and bike riders on roads and paths. The new laws will align post-crash obligations for all drivers and riders and will ensure that everyone involved in a crash has the same rights and responsibilities, no matter where the crash occurs or what mode is used.

It is acknowledged that for some vulnerable people the requirement to disclose personal information with other affected people could place them at considerable risk. The new laws will introduce protections for vulnerable people who may not be able to exchange personal information with other people involved in crashes. In those circumstances, the driver or rider can withhold the information but must report the incident to a police officer, including providing their personal information to support further investigation for enforcement or insurance purposes. This will help to protect victims of domestic and family violence and children.

The new laws will continue to improve the safety of all path and road users in Queensland. It represents the next phase of Queensland's nation-leading approach to the safe use of personal mobility devices.