



15. NOTICES OF MOTION

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I, Councillor Dick Gross, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 18 April 2018:

That Council submits to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council, the following motion:

1. That the MAV advocate to the State Government to create a regulatory framework that sets and enforces standards so that dockless share bikes are safe and are not left in areas where they create a public hazard or nuisance.

Supporting Information:

Having a well regulated, readily available, inexpensive sustainable mode of transport, like dockless bike share, will increase physical exercise and reduce congestion and pollution by getting more cars off the road.

Unfortunately, the roll out of bike share has been ad hoc. More than 1,200 oBikes appeared across greater Melbourne in June 2017. By the end of October, over 400 complaints and enquiries to the cities of Port Phillip, Melbourne and Yarra, with other residents venting their frustration through the media.

Bikes are left in public spaces, such as parks and footpaths, with no thought to public safety. This is particularly dangerous for people walking, particularly the mobility impaired. The problem is compounded by pranksters dumping bikes in waterways or dangerously putting them up trees.

Port Phillip, Yarra and Melbourne councils have done what we can, including a Memorandum of Understanding with oBike to improve safety and amenity. This is at best a band aid solution which is not proving to be very effective.

Councils have now been approached by two other bike share companies preparing to set up in Melbourne.

Councils do not have the power to regulate dockless bike share. However, the State Government can create regulations under the Road Safety Act that:

- Set minimum standards to ensure dockless bikes are maintained in a safe condition
- Control how dockless bikes are made available and stored; and
- impose penalties for non-compliance.