



## 15. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 15.1 Motion for Dockless Electric Scooters

I, Councillor Dick Gross, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 02 October 2019:

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or his delegates to support a trial of dockless electric scooters on Council land dependent on managing insurance and other safety risks to Council, and the introduction of State Government regulations authorising the use of scooters on roads;
2. Notes an open and competitive Expression of Interest process will be conducted to enter into a contractual agreement with up to two electric scooter operators to participate in the electric scooter trial within the municipality;
3. Notes the trial will be undertaken in geographically defined areas of the municipality, such as the foreshore, business activity centres or public transport routes. Defined locations to be determined by the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate.
4. Implements the trial of up to 500 electric scooters for a duration of three to six months, contingent on the performance of the electric scooter operator/s against Council's contract agreement conditions which will include service standards;
5. Notes that the contract agreement conditions will require that the trial is cost neutral to Council and covers administration, compliance and evaluation activities;
6. Notes that electric scooter operators will be required to pay a security bond in advance of any trial to cover any costs incurred by City of Port Phillip to protect the public amenity;
7. Notes that the electric scooter trial aligns with the Council's Move Connect Live Strategy, Outcome 5 – *Our community benefits from new transport options and technology.*

### Supporting Information

#### Background:

At the Council meeting on 5 December 2018, Councillors resolved to write to the State Government and its agencies to rapidly progress the introduction of regulations and minimum service standards to enable electric scooters to be used on public land.

Council has advocated to the Minister for Transport and representatives from the Department of Transport for the introduction of regulations and minimum service standards. This would enable shared transport services such as electric scooters to operate whilst protecting the safety of residents, workers and visitors and local amenity.

Council officer discussions with the Department of Transport recently indicate they are reviewing the introduction of regulatory mechanisms to enable electric scooter to be used on roads.

#### Current Road Rules for scooters:

- Motorised scooters are classed as wheeled recreational vehicles when:
- they have the same features as a foot scooter
- can be propelled by an electric motor with a maximum power output of 200 watts or less
- are not able to travel faster than 10 km/h when ridden on level ground.

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- These scooters can be used on footpaths but not on separated bike paths, roads with dividing lines or median strips or on roads with speed limit over 50 km/h

**HOWEVER** - If a motorised scooter is powered by a petrol motor has an electric motor with a maximum power greater than 200 watts has a maximum speed greater than 10 km/h then it cannot be legally used on a road or any road related areas, including footpaths, share paths and public areas. The fine for an illegal device is \$826.

## **Key Issues:**

We recognise that a well-regulated shared transport service such as dockless scooters has the potential to offer the community a convenient and flexible travel choice, Council officers have commenced work to investigate the following threshold issues and whether these can be mitigated, to enable a trial:

- **Safety**, including speed and power regulations and injury coverage of TAC.
- **Liability and Insurance**, including the liability and exposure risk to Council and the impact on Council's insurance.
- **Operational considerations**, including compliance and enforcement, consumer and competition compliance guidelines