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Dear Project Team,

**RE: ELECTRICAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR E-TRANSPORT DEVICES**

Council welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal to introduce certification requirements for e-bikes, e-scooters and e-skateboards by declaring these e-transport devices as controlled electrical equipment under the *Electricity Safety Act 1998 (Vic)*.

Council strongly supports this proposal as a proactive and proportionate measure to address the growing safety risks associated with lithium-ion battery fires, while preserving the critical role of micromobility in supporting sustainable and equitable transport outcomes.

This submission builds on Council's submission provided to the Department of Transport and Planning's (DTP) community consultation on the review of the *Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) (Conduct on Public Transport) Regulations 2025* (the regulations) and effective proposed ban on the carriage of e-mobility devices. This submission is dated 18 August 2025 and attached for reference.

As outlined in Council's previous submission, micromobility devices play a vital role in supporting first and last-mile connectivity, particularly in growth areas such as Hume where public transport access is limited. Council advocated for a regulatory approach that addresses the underlying causes of safety risks without restricting access to sustainable transport options.

Council opposed blanket bans on e-transport devices on public transport and instead recommended regulatory reform focussed on product safety and national or State certification. The introduction of certification requirements thus aligns with Council's previous recommendation to regulate the sale and import of these devices rather than banning their use on public transport.

Support for Certification and Safety Standards

Council supports the proposal to declare e-transport devices and their lithium-ion batteries as controlled electrical equipment and introduce mandatory certification and marking requirements. This approach directly addresses the concern and risk of poorly manufactured and uncertified devices, without disproportionately penalising users who rely on these devices for essential mobility.

This approach aligns with Council's previous recommendation to regulate the sale and import of e-transport devices rather than banning their use on public transport. It also reflects best practice from other jurisdictions, including New South Wales, which has already introduced similar requirements.

Council also supports coordination and alignment of standards across jurisdictions to reduce confusion and compliance burdens for suppliers and consumers. A consistent national approach would improve safety outcomes and streamline regulatory processes.

Officers would be happy to work in collaboration with Energy Safe Victoria to ensure successful implementation. Should you wish to discuss this submission further, please contact [REDACTED] (Senior Strategic Transport Planner) via email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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**COORDINATOR GROWTH AREA & TRANSPORT PLANNING**

Attachment – Council submission to DTP Conduct on Public Transport Regulations dated 18 August 2025.