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### **Submission to Future Melbourne Committee**

City of Melbourne, Melbourne Town Hall,  
13 August 2024, 5.30pm – Meeting No.84  
Agenda Item FMC Agenda item Agenda item 6.2 Share Hire E-Scooters

The SRA has been closely involved with the trial of the Share Hire E-Scooters since February 2022.

SRA have been an active contributor to the Southbank Safety and Security Committee, a VicPol initiative, for several years now. In that time there have been a number of occasions when CoM personnel and Lime and Neuron representatives have attended meetings and listened to the concerns expressed by Committee members and have engaged in productive discussion. We have been impressed with their willingness to explore ways of improving the running of their operation to reduce the negative impact of e-scooters on the community, in particular imposing penalties for rule breaches, modifying their software to encourage the wearing of helmets and restricting access by those who might be alcohol affected and exploring technological developments to have tighter geofencing, dinking and riding on footpaths.

SRA has also contributed to regular forums that the COM has held on the issue in addition to separate engagements with the operators.

The SRA supports the initiatives of the state government in this area, but notes that privately owned e-scooters remain a serious issue that seems to have been swept under the carpet. There are no location-based speed controls on these e-scooters to restrict their speed on the Promenade and there is no geo-fencing to keep them off the footpaths. The SRA urges the CoM to urge the state government to address this issue.

The SRA supports all the proposed actions 10.1 to 10.8 on pages 2 and 3 with following additional suggestions:

- The current maximum speed should be reduced to 15 kph for an interim trial period of 12 months. The current maximum of 20 kph is too fast for the many pedestrian/e-scooter intersection points
- The current maximum speed in busy pedestrian zones, such as the Southbank Promenade should be reduced to 8 kph for an interim trial period of 12 months. Not all pedestrians walk from one end of the Promenade to the other, many exit from buildings into unexpected scooter traffic and many move to and from the grassed areas crossing such scooter traffic



- A 10 m set of LED lights with a pulse that moves at 8 kph be embedded in the paving on Southbank Promenade at the Queensbridge end and the Princes Bridge end. This will encourage cyclists and riders of privately owned scooters to keep to the speed limit and will indicate to pedestrians who is not abiding by the speed limit.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Penna". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Tony Penna  
President  
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