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CPSB Regulatory Business Meeting (RBM) - PAPER

Date of meeting	Meeting number
Project title	<i>Expanding the scope of the mandatory safety standard for self-balancing scooters: Approach to a permanent response to the issue of self-balancing scooters and Li batteries</i>
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Dynamics	PRJ1002066
Recommendation	That the RBM endorse our strategy to respond to the issue of self-balancing scooters and Li batteries

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to inform the RBM of our strategy to respond to the issue of self-balancing scooters and Li-ion batteries and to seek endorsement of the strategy.

2. Issue

2.1 The current standard for self-balancing scooters will end on 16 July 2018.

2.2 The original mandatory standard was enacted on 17 July 2016 and was intended to remain in place for two years until July 2018 in order to allow State and Territory electrical safety regulators adequate time to develop a longer term solution under their electrical safety laws.

2.3 To date we are only aware of two state and territory jurisdictions with electrical safety legislation that provides scope for regulation of Li-ion batteries, Victoria and Western Australia.

2.4 The New South Wales Parliament has approved a bill to expand the scope of NSW electrical safety legislation, but the government has not yet enacted the changes.

3. Recommendation

3.1. We have drafted a letter to electrical regulators to follow up on letters sent in late 2016.

3.2.

4 Background

4.1 Our advice to Minister O'Dwyer at the time was that "in the longer term, State and Territory electrical safety laws are the best frameworks to regulate the electrical safety of self-balancing scooters and other battery powered consumer products. Electrical safety regulators have the specialist technical staff, premarket assessment and testing regimes to supervise the safety of these products."

4.2 We also advised that "once a safety standard is in force, the ACCC will make recommendations about continuing to work with electrical safety regulators on a longer term solution."

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4. Conclusion

6.1 The ACCC has

5. Attachments

Attachment 1