

FACT SHEET

VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC AMENDMENT (POWER ASSISTED PEDAL CYCLES) BILL 2013

The Vehicle and Traffic Amendment (Power Assisted Pedal Cycles) Bill 2013 amends the *Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999* to exclude a Power Assisted Pedal Cycle (PAPC) that is compliant with the accepted European Design Standard EN15194 from being classified as a 'motor vehicle'.

The underlying principle behind the proposed amendment is to enable a EN15194-compliant PAPC to be used in the same manner as a 'bicycle' on the State's road network.

Compliance with this standard allows one or more auxiliary motors to produce a maximum of 250 watts, independent of the input provided by the cyclist's pedaling motion. This is an increase from the 200 watts currently treated as a bicycle under Tasmanian law.

Until changes are made to the Act and an amendment is made to the *Road Rules 2009* to categorise an EN15194-compliant PAPC as a 'bicycle', their use will remain illegal on Tasmanian roads.

A consequential amendment to the Road Rules recognising EN15194-compliant PAPCs as 'bicycles' will form part of the 10th Amendment Package put forward by the National Transport Commission to clarify existing rules and to create consistency with the Australian Road Rules.