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**INQUIRY INTO USE OF E-SCOOTERS, E-BIKES AND
RELATED MOBILITY OPTIONS**

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Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs) must be legalised by the NSW government as soon as possible. There are a multitude of societal and environmental benefits that should no longer be ignored, or be allowed to be outweighed by misinformation about these important mobility devices.

First and foremost, there are massive carbon and emission abatements easily accessible for the future of our planet and our descendants. Instead of shifting people in 2+ tonnes of vehicle burning fossil fuel in internal combustion engines, PMDs provide ideal short distance transport solutions in the range of up to 10km. Using a few cents of electricity from an ever-greening grid, and portable enough to carry on trains, store under desks, these devices will take vast amounts of traffic off our roads, reducing emissions, congestion, pollutants and road maintenance/ repair costs. Such devices support and encourage the use of other public transport methods such as bus and train, which have their own benefits in terms of reduced emissions and congestion.

PMDs perfectly adapt to our vastly under-utilised bike path network. They are silent, speed restricted to safe speeds (as opposed to conventional bikes being ridden downhill) and cause no damage to bikeways or roadways, They integrate perfectly with existing cycle path users such as bikes and e-bikes.

Cost of living pressures are extreme these days, and the ability to travel comfortably and safely at a fraction of the cost of operating a vehicle would be enormously popular across the population of NSW. It is hypocritical of the NSW government to pretend to be concerned about the cost of living, and yet not allow such tremendously efficient cost saving devices to be used by its citizens to manage these extreme costs.

Personally owned PMDs, unlike the rental scooter and bike schemes, eliminate the problems of dumped and vandalised devices, dangerous and inexperienced riders hurting themselves and pedestrians, and the generally unsightliness in our cities of bring orange an purple rental devices abandoned on virtually every street corner.

I urge the NSW government to urgently legalise the use of personal mobility devices, for the good of the citizens of NSW, our environment and ultimately the sustainability of our planet.