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

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I am a Cronulla resident, retired and an e-bike user. However; I have seen an unprecedented increase in the number of e-bikes in the Cronulla area in the past 12 months which isn't a problem in itself other than the way they are being used creating safety risks to the public, themselves and their passengers. For example e-bike riders not wearing helmets, riding three up going through the mall at high speed, illegally riding above the 25km per hour speed limit under electric power (not pedal assisted) on footpaths, roads and other places, wreckless and careless riding with no consideration to pedestrians.

These need to be controlled, by way of licensing, enforcement of road rules by police and council, parents to also be held accountable with fines who are buying these e-bikes for their kids, serious fines for the suppliers of these e-bikes that have no speed limiters or speed limiters can easily be disabled and controls put in place and reporting for the sales of the bikes.

If the bike is being used like a motor bike it should be licensed in the same way and normal road rules and enforcements to apply.

It is only a matter of time before someone will be killed.