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

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I live in Sydney, where motor congestion and limited public transport options often make travelling around the city very time-consuming and difficult. With the current infrastructure heavily favouring the traditional internal combustion options and the population steadily increasing, this is unlikely to improve under the status quo. In my humble opinion, PEV's can help alleviate many of these issues. They can extend the range of our sparse public transport links, with many models currently on the market offering ranges exceeding 100km. I observe with approval that many of the bike-path facilities have been steadily improving in recent years and with this comes the possibility of making entire journeys on PEVs without needing to burden the traditional infrastructure. My commute to work, for example, is roughly 40km. In my car I would normally need to either take the back streets or the M2, the entrance to which is heavily clogged with traffic, requiring a roughly 1 hour commute during peak-hour times. On my PEV, I could make that trip in roughly 1.5 hours and be 90% on bike trails with pleasant views of Paramatta River. In this, I would be reducing road congestion, not contributing to pollution or our Carbon footprint and I wouldn't need to endanger myself on any of our high-speed roads. I ride slowly past any foot traffic and while I try to avoid main roads, my vehicle is capable of riding safely at the speed limit in suburban streets, so I do not hold up drivers and do not need to ride on footpaths. The only downside (besides the possibility of bad weather) is the fact that I would currently be breaking the law. Please enact common-sense laws to allow PEVs to ride on roads and bike paths. We will obey the road rules. With more options to avoid footpaths, we can coexist and not cause incidents with pedestrians.