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

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E Bikes have become a very serious safety issue in the past 12 months. I have witnessed many near misses between E Bikes, Vehicles & Pedestrians. Fortunately, I have not witnessed any accidents, but I think it's only a matter of time before there is a fatality or serious injury to a pedestrian or rider.

The E Bike issue is also in my local area Kurnell, with young children & adults riding on the footpath at high speed.

I also walk & ride a bike along the Woolooware pathway behind Shark Park & the E Bike is very much a issue, where i have witnessed many near misses & delinquent behavior involving excess speed.

I have approached the NSW police to report this behavior & they inform me that because they are battery powered, they do not come under the same rules as petrol powered bikes, & I think they should. The E Bike issue has become a very serious safety hazard & we need urgent introduction of legislation, so the police have the powers required to control this behavior.