

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

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I am over 70 years of age and having given up driving. I walk a lot using pedestrian footpaths. The major problem is that it is illegal for these bikes to be on the footpath but those rules are being completely ignored. Also it is impossible to hear these E-Bikes approaching and so it is totally dangerous for people using the footpath and elderly people who are at greater risk of injury. Also you might be walking along and have to change to the right or the left of the footpath and because you can't hear the vehicle from behind that makes it more dangerous for me. In my experience I have never seen somebody breaking the rules fined or sanctioned by the police or a Council ranger. The prevalence of these vehicles has been increasing which has increased my concern for my safety. I should be safe to walk on the footpaths. Perhaps a solution to enforcement of the rules would be a sign saying no cycling on the footpaths at the main commercial centres. My major concern is for all pedestrians on the footpath but especially for the elderly.