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

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Thank you for this opportunity. While I recognise the value of these new electric modes of transport, I have concerns about their effect on older and less able pedestrians. I have frequently encountered threatening situations with riders/drivers of electric bikes on footpaths, and - less so - with the use of electric scooters. As one of these older pedestrians, if I'm hit by one of these, and fall, I am at considerable risk of breaking a bone and facing hospitalisation, lengthy recovery and, worst case, life-threatening complications. I recommend that bikes be licensed for use only on roads and in bike lanes, and e-scooters be legally used only in bike lanes or on roads. They all need to have some form of registration so that if a person is hit and injured it's possible to identify the owner/operator for insurance purposes. An associated public awareness campaign is required for all ages.