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

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Dear Officer,

I am writing to advocate for the legalisation of personal electric vehicles (PEVs) or Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs) in NSW. As an owner and user of these devices, I believe there are several compelling reasons why they should be permitted for use:

Firstly, riding electric devices has significant mental health benefits. It serves as a distraction from daily stressors, promotes mindfulness, and can reduce anxiety levels. The freedom and exhilaration of riding contribute to clearer thinking, problem-solving, and creative approaches to challenges in life. Additionally, participating in riding clubs or groups fosters social connections, providing companionship, support, and camaraderie, which are crucial for overall mental well-being.

Legalising PEVs would also enable the government to establish clear regulations and standards for their use. This includes implementing safety requirements, operational guidelines, and planning infrastructure such as designated lanes or parking spaces. Clear regulations ensure the safe integration of PEVs into existing transportation systems and public spaces.

Furthermore, I believe that individuals using PEVs for leisure or transportation purposes should not face fines or criminal charges. Most users are law-abiding citizens seeking to enjoy their free time or commute in an environmentally friendly manner. Legalising PEVs would provide clarity and legitimacy to their use, ensuring that individuals can enjoy the benefits of these devices without fear of legal repercussions.

In conclusion, legalising PEVs in NSW is not only beneficial for mental health and social well-being but also allows for proper regulation and integration into our urban environment. I urge you to consider these points in support of legalising PEVs, recognising the positive impact they can have on individuals and our community as a whole.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Pawinee