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

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I am the owner of Bolzzen electric scooters and also runs retail store Macarthur Ebikes. I have run these businesses since 2019. In this time, we have witnessed all other states legalise the use of private e-scooters, while NSW seems stuck in the past with their unwillingness to allow these awesome eco friendly mode of transport to join the huge volume of e-bikes that are already riding throughout NSW. It makes absolutely no sense to allow bigger and heavier e-bikes to ride our paths and streets but not allow e-scooters. There has been very little information as to the reasoning around this and I assume it is because there really is t a strong enough argument to support this unpopular stance to date.

We are a Sydney based business that sells less than 1% of our e-scooters in our own state which is extremely frustrating and while of course we would love to see privately owned e-scooters finally legalised in NSW as a business, it's more the lack of clarity as to why they are still prohibited that is so hard to accept.

The media love to get behind e-scooter accidents because they're a fairly new technology and makes for good headlines, they certainly aren't out of proportion of bicycle accidents, which get next to no media coverage.

I have been following the laws around e-scooters in NSW for many years now and it just doesn't seem to have moved or gotten any closer in the last 3 years, even after certain ministers made claims that "we'd privately owned e-scooters riding around our streets before Christmas" (2022). Yet here we are mid 2024 with us still stuck in the same roundabout.

Queensland have made e-mobility a huge part of their transport for many years already and we as a state really should take note of how they've achieved such success with it all.