

Submission
No 73

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

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The Chairman, Committee of Inquiry into use of e-scooters, e-bikes, and related mobility options

I wish to bring the Committee's attention to the following issues:

1. The numbers of e-Bikes, scooters and other similar means of transport are proliferating at a great rate. Their use needs to be managed in order to ensure the safety of the general population.
2. I have noted over the years many incidents where the use, and parking of these means of transport have not complied with reasonable regard for the public in general, older and infirm, hearing impaired, mobility impaired, children, mothers with prams and people with average awareness of such means of transport. On a number of occasions I have taken photos, in many other cases I have not, because I was driving by at the time I noticed these incidents. I have also written to my Local Council and an e-Bike provider about unsatisfactory issues in my local area.
3. The users of e-Bikes are often short term residents /tourists in the area. Apart from signing the "conditions of use" there is little supervision as to how they are actually used.

I have personally been almost bowled over by e-Bike riders coming up from behind on footpaths, and seen many such incidents affecting others as well. No bells, or warnings. Many times. They are often flouting traffic rules, riding on the wrong side of the road (against motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic), crossing against the red light and parking their bikes in an indiscriminate and disorderly way.

Parking : I suggest there be designated areas in each locality provided with proper bike stands. I feel the cost of providing these bike stands should be paid for by the e-bike suppliers.

Council Rangers should be given the responsibility to photo identify any transgressions and notices of fines sent to the e-bike providers asap via electronic means (not by paper notifications through the snail mail).

I attach a few photos for your record. If you need additional information I shall be happy to oblige.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

1 of 4 2021 01 21 "parked" offroad in the bush at Trumper Park, Paddington

2 of 4 2023 08 07 "parked" blocking the footpath in Edgecliff Road, Woollahra



3 of 4 2024 07 11 "parked" on the roadway in Darling Point Rd

4 of 4 2024 04 09 "parked" against perimeter of Queens Park, Randwick

