

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

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this submission to express my concerns about the increasing number of e-Scooters, e-bikes and bustles being ridden on our footpaths in our city, particularly in the Honeysuckle area. I believe there are major safety issues that require urgent attention. I am a 74 year old who walks on a daily basis particularly in the Honeysuckle and surrounding areas. On a daily basis i have observed regular instances where individuals are riding bicycles and e-scooters in a dangerous manner on the footpaths.

This is evidenced by dangerous interactions with pedestrians, including myself, on the footpaths. Many riders travel at excessive speeds and also in a manner potentially dangerous to pedestrians. An additional area of concern is the size and power of these e-bikes and e-scooters which are compatible to motorbikes, yet they are not registered. This creates further safety hazards, as the vehicles at high speed on footpaths and quite often by children, significantly increasing the risk of serious accidents and injuries.

In summary my concerns include:

The safety of pedestrians, particularly children and the elderly.

Lack of awareness among riders about the appropriate places to ride and the importance of sharing space.

The fact that shared pathways, particularly around Honeysuckle precinct, has become the preferred traffic corridor for cyclists, e-scooters and e-bikes travelling to and from work.

I respectfully that measures be implemented to address these issues such as:

Designated lane for the e-scooters, e-bikes and bicycles. I would also note that council has constructed dedicated bicycle lanes throughout the City, and in particular in the Honeysuckle area. These bicycle lanes appear to be very much under-utilised.

I look forward to your response and advices as to appropriate action to be taken.