

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

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E-SCOOTER, MOBILITY SCOOTER AND E CONVEYANCES SUBMISSION

My submission is that the NSW Government will

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Introduce and Promote policy that can be endorsed by all appropriate authorities.

Advocate for clear information through regulation, enforcement, signage and other means

1. Introduction

The aim of this policy is to ensure the safety of riders, pedestrians, and the general public, while promoting sustainable and efficient modes of transportation. An ever growing number of pedestrians on shared cycleways and footpaths are recorded as having accidents and even near death experiences caused by E Scooters, electric bikes and devices known as "Fat Bikes." These are collectively and thereafter known for the purposes of this submission as "E Conveyances."

2. Definitions

- E-Scooter: a battery-powered, two-wheeled scooter designed for personal transportation.
- E Bike: a bicycle that can be powered by electricity as well as propelled by pedals.
- Fat Bikes: a bicycle with oversized tyres designed for riding off-road, particularly on soft terrain such as sand.
- Operator: any company or entity providing an E Conveyance rental services.
- Rider: any individual operating an E Conveyance.

3. Registration and Licensing

- All E Conveyance riders must be at least [citation: age requirement] years old.
- Riders are required to register with the E Conveyance operator and provide valid identification.
- E Conveyance operators must ensure that all riders have completed a safety training course before renting an E Conveyance .

4. E Conveyance Operations

- E Conveyance operators must adhere to all local regulations regarding fleet size, parking, and operation areas.
- E Conveyances must only be operated in designated bike lanes or on roads with speed limits of [citation: speed limit] kph or lower.
- Riders must obey all traffic laws and regulations, including stopping at red lights and yielding to pedestrians and comply with any and all guidelines provided by Transport NSW. [LINK](#)
- E Conveyance operators must regularly inspect and maintain their fleet to ensure safety and functionality.
- E Conveyances travelling on shared pathways and footpaths must take due caution to avoid overtaking pedestrians without sound their bells or horns to give warning when overtaking them
- E Conveyances must do whatever it takes to moderate their speed to avoid accidents, travelling too close to oncoming or when overtaking pedestrians or people in wheelchairs or other forms of mobility aids.
- All Fat Bike riders must have a licence similar to a motorbike licence.
- All Fat Bikes must be registered as are cars and motorcycles that travel on public streets and roads and subject to annual inspection for roadworthiness.
- All Fat Bike riders must have Third Party Insurance.
- E Conveyance operators must adhere to all local regulations regarding fleet size, parking, and operation areas.
- E- Conveyances must only be operated in designated bike lanes or on roads with speed limits of [citation: definition of speed limit] kph or lower.

5. Safety Guidelines

- Riders must wear helmets while operating E Conveyances.
- E Conveyance operators must provide safety instructions and guidelines to all riders.
- Riding E Conveyances under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited.
- E Conveyances must not be operated with more than one rider at a time.
- E Conveyance operators must implement measures to prevent underage or unauthorized use of their services.

6. Parking and Storage

- E Conveyances must be parked in designated parking areas when not in use.
- Operators must regularly redistribute E Conveyances to ensure availability and prevent cluttering sidewalks or public spaces.
- Improperly parked E Conveyances may be subject to fines or penalties from various authorities

7. Reporting and Complaints

- Riders and members of the public must report any incidents, accidents, or violations related to E Conveyance use to the appropriate authorities or E Conveyance operator.
- E Conveyance operators must have a system in place for managing complaints and addressing safety concerns in a timely manner.

8. Enforcement and Penalties

- Violations of this policy may result in fines, suspension of E Conveyance privileges, or other penalties as determined by authorities.

- E Conveyance operators are responsible for enforcing this policy among their users and may suspend or terminate accounts for repeated violations.

9. Policy Review and Updates

- This policy will be reviewed [citation: frequency of review] and updated as needed to reflect changes in regulations, technology, or best practices.
- Stakeholders, including E Conveyance operators, riders, and the public, will have the opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions for policy improvements.

10. Compliance

- All E Conveyance operators, riders, and other relevant parties are expected to comply with this policy.
- Failure to comply may result in legal action or termination of business relationships.