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

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I do not believe that e-bikes and e-scooters are a safe transport option for residents of NSW. Our more elderly residents would not choose to use this form of transport. These e-bikes and e-scooters are encountered on our metropolitan trains when delivering food to outlying suburbs. They use the lifts at Railway Stations and many are abandoned on our footpaths when the rider reaches their destination.

My personal experience was when my wife and I crossed George Street Sydney from the Hilton Hotel to the Queen Victoria Building on Saturday 1st June 2024. As I stepped onto the footpath outside the QVB I was hit by a speeding e-bike and flung into the air on impact and speared headfirst into the pavement landing on my right temple first then my right hip. I regained consciousness lying in a pool of rainwater, my spectacles and hearing aids were found some distance away from where I lay. We walked back to the Hilton Hotel and an Ambulance was called. The Ambulance Crew told me that 3-4 people a day are transported to hospital with injuries related to incidents with e-bikes and e-scooters.

I was transported to RPA and had daily CT Scans until my release Tuesday 4th June with strict instructions I was not to drive or lift anything for six weeks. I attended my local GP on Tuesday 11th June who told my wife I had to be under surveillance 24/7 and not to be left unattended.

On Wednesday 12 June we drove to Coffs Harbour for a pre-arranged CT Scan (one week after discharge from RPA). When my wife stopped the car I could not comprehend how to open the car door and my speech was slurred. I was assisted into the Scan Clinic for my scan. We rang my Doctor who advised us to attend the Coffs Harbour Hospital Emergency ward, I was admitted overnight, and arrangements were made for a Westpac Helicopter to collect me at 7.00am on 13th June for transfer to RPA for emergency Surgery. I collapsed again as I was being taken to the Helicopter and returned to the Ward. My wife received a telephone call advising her to immediately travel (six hour drive) to the ICU at RPA Camperdown as soon as possible and this was not negotiable. The helicopter eventually departed Coffs Harbour around midday. The crew rang my wife as they arrived at RPA and told her that despite a troubled time enroute I was still with them at the moment!) Five minutes later my wife Robin received a call from a Doctor advising her that I was being prepped for immediate Emergency Surgery and a team of Neurological Specialists were on standby. 4.5 hours later Robin received a call to say Surgery was completed and Terry is now in the ICU. Surgery involved drilling two burr holes in my skull and draining a cup of fluid from between the brain and the skull. I remained in Hospital from 13th - 17th June and travelled home slowly over the following two days as per medical advice.

I returned to RPA on Wednesday 17th July and Professor Brindha Shivalingham gave me the 'all clear'. She also told me that they almost lost me twice during the 4.5 hr operation.

I often suffer weary spells and concentration issues. I drag my feet when I am tired. I have been forced into retirement six months earlier than planned. I have been a professional Heavy Vehicle Operator for the past 61 years and need to be able to drive twelve hour days to continue operating my niche transport business of 23 years. This has come at a huge financial cost to our family.

Even this past week I was watching my 87 year old father-in-law cross the street here in Nambucca Heads going to the Post Office using a Pedestrian Crossing when an e-bike roared around the corner, overtook a vehicle that had stopped correctly at the crossing and actually brushed against my father-in-law as it raced in front of him. Not a registered vehicle but an unregistered e-bike. Do we have to wait for someone to be killed before restrictions are

placed on the use of these weapons of death? I personally was very fortunate to survive as the medical experts said if I had landed on the center of my forehead death would have been instant!