

**Submission
No 100**

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

Organisation: Willoughby City Council

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Willoughby Council is writing to request the NSW Government's attention and action on several concerns regarding the use of e-bikes in our community. Council considered this matter at its Ordinary Meeting of 24 June 2024, and resolved to request that the NSW Government:

1. Develop and promote campaigns to improve pedestrian and rider safety.
2. Review current road rules to accommodate e-bikes, especially concerning:
 - Speeding of e-bikes and bicycles on shared paths
 - E-bike riders approaching and passing pedestrians safely
 - Setting appropriate maximum size, weight, and passenger limits for e-bikes to reduce risks to pedestrians
 - Preventing the alteration of e-bike systems to bypass pedalling or top speed controls
 - Increasing the enforcement powers of Police and council rangers to appropriately deal with e-bike riders
 - Parking provisions for e-bikes, including those used by e-bike delivery drivers
3. Provide additional funding to local councils to improve and maintain shared paths and facilities to separate bikes and pedestrians.
4. Develop educational resources and a behavioural change campaign.
5. Prioritise walking and cycling as part of any assessments and designs related to traffic and transport emerging issues and concerns.

Council considers these actions will significantly enhance the safety and functionality of our transport infrastructure, benefiting all road users.