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

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Appreciate this opportunity to discuss the excessive number of light electric vehicles on our pavements and which seem to be increasing exponentially.

#### Share e-bikes

These are abandoned on the pavement by users, creating health risks to pedestrians, or placed in the most inconvenient, but visible, locations in the middle of pavements by the share bike companies so as to create greater visibility for their e-bikes. This occurring at alarming rates across the city and often creates impediments for pedestrians who have to walk around/over them as they block the pavement.

There seems to be no control or responsibility by the share bike companies. They, and the bike users, leave the bikes strewn across the pavements. There appear to be a multiplicity of share bike companies, all competing for what appears to be a very small market.

I noticed in London recently that there are specific docking stations for share bikes, with financial implications for users if they do not park the bikes in one of the official docking stations. Why couldn't we introduce this in Sydney? In addition, any bikes abandoned on the streets would be collected by council and impounded, with a fee to be charged to the share bike company to release them. Attached are photos of the number of share bikes I encountered in one afternoon walking from Elizabeth Bay to East Sydney. The date and time stamps can be verified. The last picture is of the share bikes blocking the pavement on Pitt St (cnr Hunter) in late April.

In addition, almost all share bike users seem to use the pavement to ride the bikes, rather than the road, even when there are bike lanes (William St is a great example of this occurring). Surely the pavement is for pedestrians, not bike riders. Our pavements are not wide enough to accommodate both.

#### E-scooters.

Although these are not as prolific as e-bikes, they are even more dangerous as they travel at very high speeds on the pavement and are silent. They weave between pedestrians and are a danger.

#### Food delivery drivers.

It would seem nowadays that food delivery drivers on e-bikes have priority over pedestrians on the pavement. They are so numerous around the Potts Point area that it is often a battle trying to avoid them on the pavement. This is further exacerbated by their not looking where they are going as they are looking down on their phones for directions.

There appears to be zero policing of e-bike, e-scooter or push bikes on pavements in Sydney. This has created a free for all scenario which is chaotic and dangerous and creates an environment which is dangerous

Please, think about the public and legislate to control and manage the share bike companies and get them to be responsible for their bikes and how they are parked and get ALL electric light vehicles and push bikes off the pavements.

Thank you.