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

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'NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into the use of e-scooters, e-bikes and related mobility options was established on 6 June 2024 to look at: the role of the three levels of government in enabling safe active transport; regulatory reform; e-mobility benefits; best practice in Australian and international jurisdictions; and an economic analysis of e-mobility as a transport mode. Public submissions are invited until 18 August.'

There's a huge uptake of e-bikes mostly ridden by young teens .
We also have e skateboards and scooters .

Without dedicated paths for such things our roads are becoming dangerous for cars , truck & bus drivers and our footpaths are dangerous for elderly.

Regularly I read about near misses , frights and incidents on community Facebook pages which are an excellent snapshot of what is going on .

Eskateboard have no lights whatsoever so I'd like to see reflective vests on riders for night time use .
e-bikes & scooters need bright front and rear working lights at the very least .

Too many riders are in dark clothes so vests would be helpful.

Specifically with e-bikes some bikes are bigger than the Uber eats or postie bikes .
These working bikes & riders are made to have rego , licence and insurance, I don't understand why e-bikes are not expected to have the same .
I don't understand why there's no licence test for road rules or age limit .

I have seen dozens and dozens of posts on Facebook community pages with pictures of reckless riding on main roads , large intersections, night time ..way too many photos that as a parent I find chilling .

When I was a kid a young rider , a stranger , on a small motor bike similar in size & speed to the fat e-bikes I see regularly came off his bike near our home , he wasn't speeding, he just made a riders error .
His head hit the gutter and he died in the gutter , in my siblings arms .

We need to look after our young people , we can't pretend we don't know the dangers and just leave it to good luck to protect people .
The police can't monitor this , it is impossible.

It must be up to government to regulate these forms of transport because we don't want road accidents to increase & we don't want some poor car , truck or bus driver having their life ruined because no one wanted to put in the work of regulating new transportation.

Sure these bikes are great fun and useful but that is not a good enough reason to act like she'll be right .

It is not OK for parents to buy kids these expensive bikes and take no responsibility for the young persons skill or road knowledge . I think a clear message must be given that these are not toys and only licencing , insurance , age limit and rego will deliver that message .