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

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I live in a northern districts suburb of Sydney and the main arterial road into and out of the suburb has an adequate bicycle lane. This can also be used by e-bicycles and e-powered mobility scooters. Unfortunately, like many suburbs in Sydney, many of the side streets are either very narrow or more to the point in my suburb of North Epping, lack a footpath.

I believe that any vehicle, whether pedal powered, e-powered, petrol/diesel powered or hybrid power, which uses a public road, the operator and owner of that vehicle should contribute to the maintenance of all roads. I also believe in the theory that a financial vested interest results in greater respect, care and responsibility.

As such, I would like to recommend that ALL users should comply with the following new regulations for usage in NSW.

1. For all e-powered vehicles, you must be 18 years of age or over and obtain an appropriate license for the specific vehicle you operate.
2. ALL licensed operators must pay registration, including a CTP slip, insurance and after five (5) years from new, an appropriate pink slip certifying the vehicle's safe road worthiness.
3. As for under 18 pedal powered riders, an elementary license is to be obtained and renewed each year at a most nominal fee. The license would acknowledge basic riding and road rules understanding. Probably, more to the point, this license would become a valued certificate for children, teaching them to respect safety and road rules and hopefully this would then transition to when they obtain their car, motor bike or e-vehicle when they reach 18 years of age. A most valuable and effective education tool. It even gives the child a sense of achievement, boosting self esteem and makes them feel like a young adult who is making a contribution towards the upkeep of the roads in which they, their friends and adult family ride on.
4. ALL vehicle licensed operators would be subject to penalties/fines if they do not wear the mandatory safety apparel, including complying helmets, or fail to address any defects on the vehicle.
5. For all drivers/operators 18 years and over, you need a license, insurance and registration for ALL vehicle including but not limited to, e-bicycles, mobility scooters, e-scooters, e-skateboards and e powered mini/toy vehicles, such as cars and motor bikes.
6. The current license re testing for over 80 year licensees of motor vehicles/motor bikes would apply to licensees of e-bicycles, e-scooters, mobility scooters etc.
7. Consider the installation of governors to reduce the max speed capabilities of the e-vehicles.
8. Prohibit the use of ALL e-vehicles on Motorways and highways. Maybe consider the construction of e-vehicle roadways which run parallel to Motorways, highways and high traffic volume, major bridges and tunnels.
9. ALL new regulations for e-vehicles would apply to drivers/operators who rent a vehicle. ALL overseas licensees must have an intention license which is valid/accepted in NSW.