

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

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Dear Ms Faehrmann,

Submission: The Use of E-scooters, E-bikes and Related Mobility Options

Thank you for the opportunity for Woollahra Municipal Council to make a submission to Portfolio Committee on the use of e-scooters, e-bikes and related mobility options.

In line with the Council's commitment to making active transport a safe, easy and healthy option for as many people as possible and meets our emission reduction targets, Council recognises the value of enabling e-scooters, e-bikes and other electrified active transport options to enhance mobility and environmental sustainability. Council also welcomes the existing regulatory and policy measures for e-scooters to be expanded and applied to all electrified active transport options.

However, Council raises safety concerns with e-scooters, e-bikes and other electrified mobility options where conflicts exist with other road users, particularly pedestrians. Past experiences with share bikes also identify risks of hazard and/or obstruction and Council has limited abilities to actively monitor and address what may be perceived as unattended shared transport or electric transport modes.

As such, Council welcomes legislations/regulations/guidelines for e-scooters, e-bikes and related mobility options to improve operation and management and ensure safety for users and the broader community.

Should you have any questions to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Traffic and Transport Team Leader, during normal business hours.

Yours sincerely

Manager – Engineering Services