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

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I am deeply concerned at the lack of enforcement of laws governing ebikes and escooters. As I understand it E-scooters are illegal yet I see almost on a daily basis adult's and especially young children riding these things in public footpaths and Malls. The police and the local council do little to control these people. It is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or killed by these kids and in fact it has happened already but the police do little to enforce these laws.

The police are very quick to issue fines to adults for minor traffic offences. In my view this is just lazy policing.

The second issue is young kids, as young as 10 -12 years of age riding powerful E-bikes on public roads and in Cronulla Mall. Again I see this on a daily basis but the police show little interest in enforcing the law. I report it to Cronulla police regularly but the police show little or no interest. Again thus is a safety issue and the authorities are extremely slow to act. There has already been a number of serious incidents and a lot more near misses. These kids are laughing at the police because of their inaction on these matters.

The solution !!!! Is very simple. Run a public awareness campaign and follow up with enforcement by confiscating illegal bikes and scooters and issue heavy fines to children and parents who allow their kids to ride these things. The issue could be dealt with in a matter of weeks if the authorities acted. These fat boy bikes are motor bikes, capable of speeds in excess of 60 - 70 klm per hour. I see them going down our street at these speeds

I support the use of ebikes as a means of transport but in the hands of adults. The authorities bought in school speed zones as a safety issue, this issue is just as much a safety issue.