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

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This situation is disastrous and I believe should have been nipped in the bud earlier than this. Why? Because the current laws are currently being broken. \$345 fine for not wearing helmets - that is not being enforced. The bikes have been tampered with and are able to travel at 50kph. I had to pay a substantial amount for my moped license yet people (children) are riding machines without a license - a finable offence. If we were to get picky one has to question peoples parenting decisions and get DOCS involved. How can a parent ride a bike without a helmet yet have a helmet on the child they are carrying - this is complacent and irresponsible behaviour. Parents should not be allowed to give their kids permission to ride a bike that has been tampered with. Again incredibly irresponsible. Furthermore we live in a society that is more obese than ever yet we allow children to drive (not ride) a device that gives you no health benefits at all. I was told by the Sutherland Police they are educating people but this is a lie. or at best useless as I have not seen any information put in my letterbox, posted on my local streets warning people / educating people what is right or wrong about the riding of these devices. The current law states a person over 16 must ride on the road unless its a dedicated bike path. The amount of adults ignoring this finable law is outrageous. So great look into it but why not uphold current laws - isn't that what they are there for? We nearly hit two girls recently. They just popped out from behind a car. They were frightened but the possible effects of an accident are not being considered. Lets say we did hit them. Let's say they were badly injured or killed. It's not only the two girls family that suffers it is me and my family that suffers as well. Then the ripple effect of the girls friends our friends. I am gobsmacked that I do not see more police in our streets booking people for their indiscretions. It's time to do things now that you have power to implement before wasting time on an enquiry. One would argue that the lack of import controls on such an item is a bigger issue that should be tackled as well.