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

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Hello,

I am a resident of the City of Sydney and I am alarmed by the number of shared e-bikes in our city. I urge the NSW Government to implement stricter regulation around shared e-bike schemes in NSW so that e-bikes are managed properly and so that the impacts on residents are minimised.

Below are some suggestions for your consideration:

1. Put a cap on how many bikes each e-bike operator can have in certain areas. Use data to get an idea of how many people are using the e-bikes to determine what a reasonable amount should be. I have seen e-bike operators pull up at Circular Quay in a van full of new e-bikes and leave them on the footpath. How can this be allowed?
2. Appoint dedicated parking areas for e-bikes so that they're not scattered all over the city. Fine e-bike operators who don't comply (it will be up to them to pass the fines onto users and hopefully, in turn, change behaviours).
3. Fine e-bike operators for bikes left blocking footpaths and walkways. I once got a \$100 fine for parking my scooter in a way that meant that wheelchairs and prams could not easily pass. The same rule should apply to e-bikes too. E-bikes are often left scattered on footpaths in groups of four or five, making it impossible for prams or wheelchairs to get through. They also often fall over on the footpath, making it worse.

Regards,