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

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I became aware of review late last week so I need to be brief. I live in Bundanoon and Millers Point and the comments which follow relate to the latter.

My concern is safety of pedestrians. Cycling on pathways has reached epidemic proportions with the proliferation of hire bikes, delivery services and general usage. The pathways around Millers Point and Walsh Bay were not designed for bikes and there are very little guidance given to cyclists about where they can go.

This is most evident in Kent St opposite Gas Lane where cycle ways empty onto it. No direction is given and those travelling north do so along Kent St past my building Observatory Tower (168 Kent St). Leaving the building has become a hazard of great degree and doing so with small grandchildren a great stress. Why is that reasonable on any view ?

The knowledge of cyclists about the relevant rules for cycling is non existent particularly with delivery riders. Complaints about this are met with take it up with the police but surely they have better things to do. Daily I direct cyclists off the footpath mostly unsuccessfully. I did see however a resident of an older terrace successfully do so recently when he pointed out his steel door opened outward onto the street and he had no capacity to see whether cyclists were heading his way.

Please consider these concerns seriously noting that e-bikes can travel at pace and will do great harm if they were to collide with a pedestrian. Also take into account that hiring e-bikes requires no proof of age, capacity to cycle or knowledge of relevant rules. Nor is any guidance by signage obviously provided. This is a recipe for disaster and I recall watching nine juveniles riding at pace down Sue's Canal lane in the rocks around 9pm on New Year's Eve 2023 as an example of disaster. How could the police be expecting to control this ?

A serious accident is inevitable and action needs to be taken immediately to avoid this. Jurisdictional issues as between state government, LGA s and police also need to be resolved.

I would be happy to discuss my concerns further.