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

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Dear Ms Faehrmann

Inquiry into the use of e-scooters, e-bikes and related mobility options

As a 75 year old resident of Cronulla NSW I am now frightened to walk around the streets, footpaths and malls in Cronulla for fear of being hit by a rider on an e-bike. As you would be aware, falls are one of the main causes of serious injury and death of the older population.

Extremely powerful e-bikes have proliferated among school children in our area. They are being ridden dangerously by many young riders (fast, 2-3 children on the one bike, wheelstands etc). As they are electric they make no noise and you cant hear them coming.

They have no insurance, so any person hit by one of these missiles would need to sue the parents for any compensation.

The police and council seem either disinterested or powerless to enforce the rules applying to e-bikes and my understanding is that many of the most powerful e-bikes are actually considered motor bikes and are illegal to be ridden without registration and insurance. However nobody is enforcing the rules!

With Christmas approaching I imagine e-bikes will be on the top of the Christmas present list for many children, meaning that the problem will grow expedientially unless authorities act quickly. Might I suggest that a community awareness program aimed at parents advising them of the financial risk they face having no insurance if their child hits a pedestrian and is at fault.

This problem is a disaster waiting to happen. Please be proactive by at least forcing the relevant authorities to enforce current laws.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours
Ross Levinsohn