

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

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I am lodging this submission as a concerned resident of Sydney because I am appalled by the current state of the bike-share system across the CBD and surrounding areas. The bikes are creating physical and visual hazards and obstructions in all areas of the city, and something must be done to remedy the situation. E-bikes are frequently seen lying on the footpaths and roads, as well as blocking doorways or narrow pavements. The evidence is there for all to see that the bike-share system is broken, and something must be done to remedy the situation.

I attach a selection of photos that I have taken on my daily walk from my home in Surry Hills to my office in Sussex Street. Every single day without fail I encounter e-bikes that are causing a physical and visual nuisance, and these photos are just a fraction of what I see daily.

In Brisbane and many European cities with similar schemes, there are dedicated bike docking racks across cities that bikes are collected from and returned to. This is the only solution to ensure share bikes cease to litter our city, and these racks should be installed without delay.

It's unacceptable that the government puts the onus on the public to be responsible for reporting nuisance e-bikes. The balance needs to shift from the public to the e-bike companies themselves. Fixed parking bays must be established, and greater fines must be imposed for those operators whose e-bikes create the issues. Without regulation it is only getting worse! Furthermore, the bikes are extremely heavy and cumbersome to move which I experienced firsthand yesterday when I got home only to discover an e-bike parked across my front door!

It is time for something to be done about it as the current situation is unacceptable!

Your faithfully,



(outside NSW Parliament!)

















































