

**Submission  
No 218**

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

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Hon Cate Faehrman  
Chair, Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 6  
Transport and the Arts

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

Dear Ms Faehrmann,

This letter is our submission to the above NSW Parliamentary Upper House Inquiry.

We are pleased that the NSW Government has decided to review the need for regulation and oversight of e-bikes, a matter which is long overdue. Millers Point where we live is popular area for both local and overseas tourists and we therefore see significant numbers of e-bikes in our streets and on our footpaths.

We, like most in our community, are concerned with respect to a number of issues related to these bikes:

- Riders leave the bikes standing and lying on footpaths making walking in our streets difficult, particularly for older pedestrians and those with mobility issues
- It can take days for these bikes to be moved to safer locations
- Riders often move along the footpaths at speed, expecting pedestrians to move for them
- Many riders do not wear helmets and indeed we see many bikes parked with no helmets attached
- The bikes have continued to multiply exponentially since introduced almost as if they are disposable
- We've even seen teenagers racing indoors in supermarket buildings on these bikes with no apparent constraints.

We are not aware of any regulatory constraints or penalties for the companies that own and rent these bikes. Indeed, Uber and the like can and should be able to pay for contravening reasonable regulations. We note with interest that the City of Melbourne has recently banned E-scooter within its CBD.

We ask that the NSW parliament introduce stricter regulations for both E-Bikes and E-scooter use in NSW.

Kind Regards

Margaret Wright

Eric Hamilton