

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

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Share e-bikes are not compatible with the laws of New South Wales. Bicycle riders must wear an approved helmet securely fitted and fastened. A large proportion of share-bike riders do not wear a helmet, either by choice or because a significant percentage of parked share bikes are missing the supposedly accompanying helmet.

Bicycle riders generally must not ride on a footpath. Despite this, a large number of share bikes are ridden on footpaths, creating a danger for pedestrians.

Share bikes are increasingly obstructing footpaths, bus stops, train stations and their entrances, and commercial and residential buildings, even when they are parked correctly, and more so when they are thoughtlessly dumped. This creates not only an eyesore, but a trip hazard. I recently observed a share bike abandoned in the middle of the busy intersection of City Road and Broadway. The bike was present in the dangerous position for at least seven days.

Discarded bike helmets are also strewn on footpaths, parks and even rail corridors!

Share bikes attract rubbish. The baskets which should store the supposedly accompanying helmet are more often than not used as makeshift garbage bins, either by riders or passers-by. This rubbish then either overflows or is discarded onto the surrounding footpath, park, etc.

Additionally, the share bikes are being tagged by graffiti vandals, creating even more of an eyesore.

Furthermore, whilst these share bike (and scooter) operators conduct their entire business on public property with impunity, despite, as outlined above, creating eyesores, obstructions, nuisance and trip hazards, I am aware of local businesses being threatened with fines by Council officers for having a single advertising sign outside their premises.