

## NON-REGISTERED MOTORISED VEHICLES

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## **Submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I ride a power assisted bicycle every day to work and really think the government should be supporting these alternatives to reduce the strain on Sydney's roads, lower carbon emissions and improve public health.

Electric bikes are used throughout the developed world under the 'unregistered vehicles' framework and any variation from this would put Australia out on a limb. The NSW parliament should be celebrating the increase in use of e-bikes as it saves them money in so many ways. All of the benefits of cycling in cities that current research points to are also the same e-bikes. The main difference is e-bikes open these benefits to a much wider audience who might not attempt to ride a bicycle otherwise.

The current limit of 250 watts means that an e-bike under its own power cannot reach the speed an average person can ride a bicycle. A person with a medium level riding experience can easily ride faster than a 250 watt bike, but may not be able to sustain that speed for a number of kilometres.

I can therefore see no change in the safety status of an e-bike compared to a regular bike.

Sincerely,

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