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NON-REGISTERED MOTORISED VEHICLES

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- The uptake of electric bikes will contribute to the aims in *NSW 2021* under goal 8 to '*more than double the mode share of bicycle trips made in the Greater Sydney region, at a local and district level by 2016*'. The goal to increase walking and cycling contributes towards the easing of transport congestion and to build a healthier and more active community.
- Shared pathways that are used by pedestrians, bicycles and other non-registered motorised vehicles such as segways and electric bikes also present public safety issues.
- The Pedestrian Council of Australia believes that designated lanes separating those on foot should be considered for thoroughfares such as the Pyrmont Bridge. (under the control of the NSW Planning and Infrastructure-Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority).
- As a commuter cyclist, I find cycling across the Pyrmont Bridge extremely challenging as I try to anticipate the moves of pedestrians who are often disengaged with their immediate environment because they are plugged into mobile phones or other media. Sounding my bicycle bell to politely warn walkers of my approach is often useless as they are 'plugged in'. I believe that designated cycle lanes on Pyrmont Bridge would make the bridge safer for all users.