

2GB Drive with Jim Wilson

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... I'm not anti-bikes or scooters, although e-scooters are actually illegal and I'm sure most people who use these e-bikes do so responsibly. Yet a minority are playing Russian roulette with these e-bikes and e-scooters and someone is going to get hurt unless something is done about it. They can be an absolute danger, particularly the delivery drivers who use the e-bikes and insist on driving them on the footpath. I can't tell you how many times I've seen completely empty bike lanes yet footpaths overrun with delivery drivers flying around our suburbs. And these e-bikes aren't small, they're pretty big. And they've got a whopping great motor on them. They're dangerous. Someone is going to get hurt. Seriously. 131873 is our number. Have you seen similar incidents of lunatics flouting the law on e-bikes and e-scooters and endangering lives? And what needs to happen to stop this reckless behaviour because they're downright dangerous when in the wrong hands. Our number again is 131873. You can send us a text on 0460873873.

Now, just on these e-scooters and e-bikes, I see business groups have had enough of them just being left strewn across footpaths and left on streets around town. In fact, Business Sydney is calling on the New South Wales Government to set up appropriate procedures and protocols on how rental bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters are just ditched on streets in Sydney. In an impassioned plea to the State Government business, Business Sydney chief Paul Nicolaou has said businesses are fed up and don't want these bikes and scooters discarded on streets, footpaths, parks, reserves and public thoroughfares. Paul Nicolaou says they are dangerous for pedestrians and an eyesore in our wonderful city in Brisbane and Melbourne. E-bikes and bikes in general are stored in racks and are located throughout the city so they are kept appropriately and not lying around. Sydney businesses don't want a repeat of the rental bike debacle that happened a couple of years ago where bikes were dumped all over the city and discarded into rivers, creeks, parks, reserves and people's front yards.

The State Government needs to take control of this situation by working with the Local Government and Shire Association and the rental companies to come up with the appropriate protocols and procedures to prevent the above mentioned situation that occurred in the past. And it goes on to say. **Paul Nicolaou statement from Business Sydney. He says, quote, "we need a state wide approach, so the councils and rental companies are aware of what's required going forward."**