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To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Objection to the Proposed Ban on E-Bikes, E-Scooters and E-Skateboards on NSW Trains

The Illawarra Bicycle Users Group (IBUG) is part of Bicycle NSW and promotes safe active transport throughout the Illawarra.

IBUG formally expresses our deep concern and opposition to the decision by Transport for NSW to ban electric bikes, scooters, and skateboards from trains, effective September 2025. This decision has been made without any consultation with the community and will significantly hinder the growing use of active transport across the Illawarra region and broader NSW.

E-bike and e-scooter batteries pose no demonstrated risk to public transport services or passenger safety, especially given that they are not charged while on trains. While improving safety and compliance standards for e-mobility devices is important, this ban is an excessive and disproportionate response.

This policy directly undermines Council and State Government initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable and low-emission transport alternatives. For many residents, especially in regional and outer metropolitan areas, integrating e-bikes and e-scooters with public transport is an essential part of daily commuting and travel.

We ask that Council take an urgent and active stance on this matter by lobbying against the proposed ban and writing to the NSW State Government to request that Transport for NSW reverse this decision. In particular, we ask that Council advocate for:

- Immediate withdrawal of the proposed ban.
- Community consultation before any such transport policy changes are made.
- Development of a fair, safety-focused regulatory framework for personal electric transport that supports, rather than penalises, sustainable transport choices.

We also note that signage about the ban has already appeared at several train stations, causing widespread confusion and concern among users—again, without any public communication or input.

We respectfully request that this issue be raised as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely,

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