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WalkSydney is pleased to make a submission on [Barriers to the safe use of innovative vehicles and motorised mobility devices](#).

WalkSydney is a community group working to make it easier, safer and more pleasant to walk in Sydney. With a growing population we need to ensure people can easily walk to public transport, local shops and services, and shared transport options.

WalkSydney support a diverse range of transport modes for people moving around our community and places.

WalkSydney generally support that personal mobility devices should be considered similar to e-bikes, and are also considered vulnerable on-road in amongst motor traffic. Currently, we support that personal mobility devices should be allowed where bicycles are allowed.

WalkSydney support the implementation, connection and extension of a comprehensive separated, protected cycling and mobility devices network to support these forms of travel.

However, while shared paths improve conditions for people using bicycles and PMD's compared to no bike lanes and no shared paths, it is hardly the best that can be done, and does not constitute an improvement for pedestrians compared to a genuine third path.

Therefore, we urge the government to support more effective and specific infrastructure to accommodate the differing speeds of path users, and protect the safety of people walking.

In the meantime, we support a walking speed 8km/hr speed limit on shared paths, as 10km/hr is still considered high risk around people walking.

Thank you for taking the time to read our feedback.

Yours sincerely,
WalkSydney