

## Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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### **Submitter Comments:**

The use of footpaths has been traditionally used for foot traffic, typically up to 6 km/h. The introduction of bicycles, skates, e-scooters and skate boards ("mobile traffic") on foot paths means that the speed of traffic on the foot path changes considerably, depending on your mode of transport. The use of the roadway for bicycles, motorbikes and higher speed mobile traffic is already granted. This high speed mobile traffic is required to meet safety regulations like helmets and obey road rules. I would propose that footpaths be maintained for a blend of traffic methods (by foot/mobile traffic) so long as the speed is kept below the traditional walking speed limit of 6 km/h. In addition, as this would be a safer environment for everyone, the use of helmets could be discontinued on footpaths under these conditions. Fines should be imposed for mobile traffic that breaks this rule. Mobile traffic that would like to exceed 6 km/h should move to roadways and be required to meet the rules of the road, in line with the wearing of helmets, etc, while traveling above the 6 km/h. Fines should be imposed for people who break the road rules of mobile traffic. This will make our footpaths more predictable and safer to walk on. But it will require the change in roadways to enable the first 1m from the gutter to be dedicated to mobile traffic, similar in approach to what is done in Adelaide. This will help solve the risk issues around the use of footpaths and make our cities a safer place, and provide a clear distinction between the high and low speed traffic cases.