

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Hi, I'm making this submission as a local resident and parent of young children living in Currumbin. While I can see the benefits of e-scooters and other e-mobility options, I've become increasingly concerned about how they're being used — especially around families and kids. There have been multiple close calls where children have nearly been hit by riders speeding past on footpaths. It's incredibly stressful as a parent trying to keep little ones safe when someone whizzes by without warning. At the moment, it feels like there's not enough enforcement. I regularly see underage riders, people not wearing helmets, and scooters left dumped across pathways. I strongly believe there should be fines for speeding on footpaths, no matter the rider's age. If you're using public paths, there needs to be some accountability. Some suggestions:

- Clear speed limits and proper enforcement on footpaths.
- Fines for anyone riding recklessly — age shouldn't be an excuse.
- Better parking and management of shared scooters.
- More education and signage so everyone understands the rules. I'm all for reducing car use and supporting greener transport, but it needs to be done safely — especially in areas where families walk, play, and live.