

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

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To Whom It May Concern

**RE: Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland**

I wish to express my genuine concern regarding the safety of the public in relation to e-mobility scooters and bikes.

In the last year we have witnessed a dramatic increase in the use of electric scooters and bikes on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane. The riders are often extremely reckless in their operation of these vehicles, performing 'wheelies' (ie. riding on one wheel) or riding hands-free down busy roads (such as the Gold Coast highway).

These vehicles have been equipped with electric motors that can travel at speeds equivalent to other motor vehicles. However, the riders are apparently not subject to the same laws and road rules as (say) motorbike riders. Namely:

- No licence required
- No minimum age requirement
- No vehicle registration required
- No adherence to road rules
- Often not wearing safety helmets
- No controls around riding off-road on footpaths or through parks

In respect to the latter, I have frequently witnessed near-misses on public paths where the e-bike rider has nearly collided with elderly people or young children. If evidence of this ever needs to be documented, please visit Pizzey Skate Park in Miami after school hours.

I would expect the Government to either outlaw the use of these vehicles or apply strict controls around their operation. Instead, I am appalled to find that the government actively encourages their proliferation with the E-Mobility Rebate Scheme.