

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

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### **Submitter Comments:**

The safety of all road users should be the main concern in regards to the use of e-mobility devices on our roads in Qld. I am a local driving instructor in Rockhampton and I have seen on a daily basis the dangerous use of E-Scooters where riders do not have any concerns of; road rules, riding through stop signs and red lights; speeding in traffic, doing 60 km/hr or over, captured on dash cam; riders wearing no helmets, protective gear such as helmets and no hi viz clothing; riders doubling or even sitting on a milk crate; riders leaving the scooters on footpaths causing issues for pedestrians and leaving scooters in the middle of roads causing a traffic hazard. The NSW government has banned their use on their roads and it is little wonder when you see issues on a daily basis, of high risk behaviours. These devices are not registered and in the event of a serious collision how does anyone have a chance of claiming compensation from receiving serious injuries resulting in hospital treatment? The way forward is to either totally ban their use in Queensland like in NSW or impose essential regulations to minimise risk to the riders and the public. There should be age restrictions put in place to ensure that mature riders with road rule knowledge are allowed to use them. There should be requirements for proper motor cycle protection equipment required such as full faced motorcycle helmet, protective clothing, including hi viz vests. E-Scooters that have the potential to travel over 30 km/hr should be banned from sale to the public. Fines need to be increased to ensure safe compliance of e-scooter riders to encourage less high risk taking, including doubling. E-Scooters are totally different to bicycles; they accelerate considerably faster; can travel at the same speeds as motor vehicles; are not as visible and offer very little protection for the rider or any pedestrians. In the interests of Road Safety in Queensland, serious action needs to happen today as we are now starting to see the increasing demand in our hospitals from e-scooter related crashes. E-scooter injuries recorded for the Gold Coast region for 2019/20 period was 77 that increased to 566 in 23/24 period, a 635% increase (ABC 14/11/24). E-scooter injuries recorded for Rockhampton region in 2019 was 3, increasing to 109 up to September 2023. (RACQ 19/12/23). The most common injuries recorded at hospitals were fractures and head/facial injuries. When is, enough is enough, action needs to happen today.