

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

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E mobility devices such as those for recreational purposes on foot paths create a deadly hazard for pedestrians particularly those with mobility difficulties and young children. The unpredictable nature of people walking particularly those with disabilities or young children or assistants animals frightened by powerful fast moving heavy motor vehicles makes interaction between them dangerous and probably deadly. I have been hit by these devices many times. I have been seriously injured. My assistant dog has been hit was injured and just as important needed retraining at a considerable cost and amount of time . I was isolated because of this. I was a paramedic before becoming disabled and an Army veteran ,the effects if violent confrontation constantly by these devices further decreases my ability to get out and participate in the community. The lack of understanding of these devices by their users is frustrating, no helmets, no control and excessive speeds without concern for themselves or others. Too fall off these devices or too be knocked down by one will guarantee harm if that involves a head clash it will guarantee a hospital stay or probable death. The simple lack of awareness by users and the government of this fact has lead to the current situation. The most disturbing part of this situation is lack of concern by police, council and politicians in even enforcing current laws. I have heard those in power dismiss enforcement as being not attractive and the fun police. I have witnessed police watch these devices pass them by at speed dangerously swerving between pedestrians without helmets every time we are lucky enough to have a police presence in Surfers Paradise. Everybody deserves to feel safe walking on a footpath. Those with disabilities deserve the right to walk safely without being harassed and bullied on their local footpaths. Assistant animals deserve the right to perform their jobs without being harassed or injured by these powered vehicles. Keeps these devices away from vulnerable people and enforce the laws. Thank you