

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

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### Submitter Comments:

Dear [Gold Coast City Council / Department of Transport and Main Roads], I am writing to express my concern about the growing safety risks posed by both rental and privately-owned e-scooters across the Gold Coast. While these scooters offer a convenient and eco-conscious travel option, their current usage often endangers pedestrians and other road users. In particular, I have witnessed:

- E-scooters being ridden at high speeds on footpaths, putting pedestrians at risk — especially vulnerable individuals such as children and the elderly.
- Scooters abandoned carelessly in public areas, blocking pathways and creating hazards for people with mobility issues or prams.
- Reckless behavior by some riders, including ignoring traffic lights, riding without helmets, and weaving unpredictably through shared spaces.

These practices are becoming increasingly common and are creating an unsafe environment in areas that should be pedestrian-friendly. I urge the council to consider stricter enforcement of existing regulations, improved infrastructure (such as designated scooter lanes), and clearer penalties for dangerous or inconsiderate riding. I appreciate your attention to this matter and hope the City of Gold Coast will take action to improve safety for all residents and visitors. Sincerely, Mark Montgomery