

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I am writing to express serious concerns about the growing safety risks posed by high-speed e-mobility vehicles, such as electric scooters and e-bikes, particularly in public spaces where children and pedestrians—like myself—are at risk. As a Deaf citizen, I am especially vulnerable to fast-moving vehicles that give no audible warning of their approach. Too often, I have had near-miss incidents with riders who are speeding, ignoring traffic signals, or weaving recklessly through pedestrian areas. These devices, while innovative, can become dangerous weapons when misused, especially by young, unlicensed users. Many of these vehicles are capable of speeds well beyond what should be allowed in shared spaces. I urge you to consider implementing the following changes for public safety: Impose a strict speed limit of 20–30 km/h for all e-scooters and e-bikes used in public areas. Require licensing or formal training for users operating high-speed e-mobility vehicles. Restrict high-speed models to those with valid licences, while allowing only low-speed options for general or younger users. Enforce age limits and riding zones to ensure safe and responsible usage. Increase public awareness and education about safe riding behaviour, particularly in mixed-use spaces. I understand and support the shift toward greener transport options, but this must not come at the cost of public safety. Without proper regulation and enforcement, these vehicles pose a growing threat—especially to vulnerable groups such as the Deaf and elderly. Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope my perspective can help guide necessary policy changes to keep our streets and footpaths safe for everyone.