

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

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### **Submitter Comments:**

It would appear that the benefits of e-scooters and e-bikes are outweighed by the huge risks of injuries to the riders, motorists and pedestrians. The majority of footpaths in the area where I live are 1.2 metres wide and classified as shared footpaths. The current rules are that the riders of all the e-scooters, e-bikes, push bikes and skate boards should alert the pedestrian that they are behind them and if there is insufficient space for safe passing or overtaking the riders should stop or move off the path to allow safe movement by the pedestrians. I have been hit from behind by an e-scooter and abused by the rider. Similarly, I have been abused by bicycle riders and e-bike riders because I did not move off the footpath when they sounded their bell. The current laws for footpath use and the behaviour of the riders, including footpath speeds, becomes extremely unsafe for pedestrians. This lack of safety is particularly dangerous when the footpath is of insufficient width to allow safe passing or overtaking and the riders do not adhere to the laws regarding these vehicles. With regard to public road use many riders of these e-scooters and e-bikes do not obey the road rules partly because they are totally unaware of the rules and further consider road rules do not apply to them as they are not in larger motorised vehicles. Registration would be an improvement, however, there is still a risk for example in an injury situation. There is usually no witness to an incident or alternatively in the majority of situations the rider of these e-scooters and e-bikes do not stop. The situation is serious in Surfers where although the footpath is wider those who hire these methods of transport are there to enjoy themselves and few follow the rules set out for them when riding. Enforcement approaches and laws do not work in the majority of situations as there is no evidence.