

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Since the introduction of e-scooters I have become very nervous walking on footpaths, particularly in the CBD. The lack of audible warning of an approaching e-scooter has resulted in several instances of near misses as scooters race pass at close range. I have had to modify my walking so that I do not change direction or even vary slightly from my path without checking for an approaching e-scooter. This requires constant vigilance and takes away from the simple pleasure of walking through the streets - even in suburbs. I know of at least two aged people who have been struck by e-scooters resulting in a reduced quality of life through broken bones and increased apprehension. Reports of increased hospital admissions through e-scooter accidents are alarming and add to the load of hospitals. If there are benefits from the introduction of e-scooters they had better be very significant to outweigh the negative impact on our lives, particularly for older people. If the benefit to government is financial, then this needs to be reconsidered and weighed against the serious impact on quality of life of its citizens.