

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Escooters are a fantastic fun and safe way to travel. Unfortunately it is a minority of operators that make for bad publicity for the majority! I have used escooters safely for a number of years in and around the city metro area. There is a lack of infrastructure in some cases - particularly with the volume of public now engaging in escootering. Especially when you add the ever growing bicycle and walking community. I think dedicated and separated bike ways for bicycles and escooters are best practice but unfortunately this infrastructure doesn't yet exist across the entire bikeway network. I also believe that the majority of incidents and accidents are associated with rental scooters. People whom engage a rental scooter generally may not have any experience in operating an escooter. With the lack of experience and education there is a high potential for injury. I believe the hire companies neglect the safety of the community and the users. People are still able to operate the scooter without a helmet - and have no experience what so ever in some cases. The hire scooters are still left in walkways and bicycle lanes, carparks all over the place. Again the hire companies are negligent in removing these abandoned scooters. As for private escooter owners and operators - most all have invested a large some of money into their escooter. Including all safety ppe eg helmet, gloves, knee and elbow pads. Most the operators ride responsibility and adhere to legislation and laws accordingly. I have enjoyed countless journeys and adventures on my escooter - safely! Again it is a small minority of users whom do the wrong thing. I hope that we can continue to integrate escootering and other technologies into the community. Driving a motor vehicle- traffic in alot cases has become an expensive nightmare on our roads. Public transport is still great - but now we have other options. To explore, an adventure or just the every dayride to and from work etc, escooter is a fantastic option and i hope we always have the option.