Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Thank you for the opportunity of allowing the public to voice their opinions on e-mobility scooters and bikes. Walking around our lovely area of Varsity Lakes and taking the dog for a walk was once something I felt very safe doing. Today this is not the case. I see so often when driving my car, the excessive speed that some riders are travelling on our footpaths - why do they have the right to use footpaths. They ride around corners totally unaware that there could be a pedestrian around that bend. Not only in the Varsity area but the walking paths at Burleigh and Broadbeach. An acquaintance was knocked to the ground by an e-Bike and seriously injured whilst walking this path at Broadbeach this injury has changed her life completely and the rider got up and just rode off. This is just so heartless and uncaring that the rider caused her so much injury with not even a word of Sorry. This is not the only case that I know of there are others. I have no objection to these e-Bikes and e-Scooters, but surely, they should be licenced and on the road due to the speed they travel. I see so many riders not wearing a Helmut - Is it not compulsory for their own protection. I grew up with the thinking that footpaths were for feet and walkers and mothers with prams. and the elderly - Not e-Bikes and e-Scooters. In summary I no longer walk around my area of Varsity Lakes - I just do not feel safe.