

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

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## **Re : Concerns Regarding the Inclusion of Electric Vehicles on Public Footpaths**

Dear Minister of Transport

I hope this message finds you well.

As a local resident on the Sunshine Coast I am writing to express my concerns regarding the unnecessary risks that bikes , scooter ( EV or pedal power ) are causing on public footpaths. While the intention to promote sustainable transportation is commendable, the inclusion of electric vehicles on footpaths has raised several issues that need to be addressed.

The safety of pedestrians must remain a top priority, and the presence of fast-moving bikes, both electric & self-propelled as well as scooters on footpaths has created a hazardous environment.

Pedestrians, particularly children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities, feel vulnerable and at risk of accidents due to the increased speed and congestion caused by these vehicles on footpaths.

Our roads have been signed with bikeways so why is it that we allow these dangerous vehicles on footpaths that are not design for them to be shared with pedestrians.

Dedicated bikeways and roads are the only place for these bikes & scooters etc.

Furthermore, the legal restriction for our police to enforce the existing laws are complicated and unworkable & need to be redrafted to simplify their enforcement.

I urge you to reconsider the current regulations allowing electric vehicles on footpaths and explore alternative solutions that prioritize pedestrian safety and well-being. Implementing designated lanes or establishing separate routes for electric vehicles could help mitigate the risks and conflicts arising from their presence on footpaths & reduce the burden on our hospital system.

The current system impacts the quality of life for residents but also undermines the purpose of footpaths as safe and accessible spaces for walking & recreational activities

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will take the necessary steps to address these concerns effectively. Thank you for considering the well-being of pedestrians in our community.

Warm regards,

Des Forrester

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