


Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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There should be physical speed restrictions on e-bikes and e-scooters so that they can go no faster than 10-15 km an hour. I say this as both a pedestrian and a parent of teenagers who want an e-scooter. We got one with a limit of 8km an hour, and that is plenty even for adults. As a doctor I can confidently say the human frame has only really evolved to travel at about 10-15 km/hr - and faster than that and sudden stops tend to result in significant injuries without safety features being at play. In terms of city planning, we need safer active commuting lanes like this, so that cars, bikes/scooters and pedestrians are all separate, as they all travel at very different speeds. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/pwkrueger/5973057250> What is with all the people getting around on e-scooters and bikes without helmets?? Police need to be enforcing this. If there is a culture of wearing helmets it is easier to get teenagers to wear them. As children of a doctor, my kids have had enough lectures and seen enough gory photos to know they are never to even think about using even a normal bike or scooter without a helmet - but it would be nice if they didn't have to be going against the grain to do this.