

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I consider myself of a mature age, but I like to keep active. Both my wife and I own and ride our e-scooters regularly, always doing so with care and consideration for others. We do not ride at speeds exceeding 20 km/h and reduce our speed when on a footpath where other people are walking. We use our bell to warn pedestrians when approaching and thank them when they give us a clear path. We always wear helmets, gloves and closed shoes to protect ourselves from injury. Under these circumstances, the e-scooter can be used safely without risk to the public or ourselves. Conversely, we see many riders being reckless, riding at high speeds on foot paths or weaving in and out of traffic, and often not wearing protective helmets or other necessary gear. I am not surprised when we see people injured as a result of doing the wrong thing. I would be very disappointed to see our safe operation of our scooters being restricted when we enjoy the freedom, flexibility, and fun of getting out in the fresh air and sunshine, just because other members of the public want to risk their own lives and those of others in our community. I submit that if a scooter or e-bike is capable of travelling at speeds in excess of 20 km/h, it should be registered for road use and have similar requirements for helmets, etc., as motorbikes and scooters.