

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Have concerns re e-bikes and e-scooters using pedestrian footpaths at high speeds in Palm Beach. It is a safety concern for ALL pedestrians They need to be using the road. • Often see them with up to 3 people on 1 e-bike travelling at high speed and the rider with their phone out taking pictures of themselves. • Extremely dangerous around bus stops as you are unable to hear them coming and could easily be seriously injured when stepping out to board a bus. This is also the same when stepping out from a shop. You are just not expecting an e-bike or e-scooter to be travelling at high speed along the footpath - unfortunately they are. • Around Rockview Park at Palm Beach there are lots of Tourists and often lots of children playing with balls etc which they should be able to do safely. Unfortunately the pathway has almost become a highway for e-bikes and e-scooters. They appear to be travelling as fast as the e-bike or e-scooter will go with little or no awareness or concern for people around them and unfortunately there is no policing of this. I will no longer let my grandchildren play there when they come up due to safety concerns • Riders should be licensed and their e-bikes and e-scooters would be registered and they should be using the roads and should be subject to the same traffic rules as a car driver.