

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I make these comments with regard to e-mobility devices. Within my suburb alone I have witnessed well in excess of 100 incidents involving these forms of transportation where the law has been broken, accidents have occurred, and pedestrians have been intimidated. I would like to focus my comments on a few key topics; The electric scooters, bikes and skateboards need to be managed in a way where footpath speeds must be capped. There is a speed limit today which is very rarely obeyed. I am not sure how you do this and distinguish between road and footpath? The form of transport needs to be one or the other and can not be both. Everyday I see episodes of these vehicles speeding on footpaths, jumping traffic lights by changing from road user to footpath user, and exhibiting a total disregard for pedestrians particularly the elderly and the young. Why does the way we live our life need to change because governments have not had the conviction to make the correct rules for the public and then enforce it strictly. The second is the registering of the e-mobility devices, developing laws about making changes to make them go faster, and the licensing of riders. One needs a license to drive a small boat so why not for e-mobility devices where the risks are far greater? Where is the consistency? The registration, display of the registration and licensing of riders will have a significant effect of getting e-mobility devices to operate within what should be considered as public norms. I hope that you consider these options. Many members of the public believe that government have dropped the ball on this and need to get real with laws and enforcement. Thank You.