Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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It is good to see legislation trying to keep up with the reality of the situation.. I am very concerned for my safety when I walk out to the shops or simply on a recreational walk because of the reckless use of "e scooters in this neighborhood. These scooters often tear along footpaths at frightening speeds. While driving the other day one flew past me on the footpath and I was doing 40kpm. They are quiet so you can't hear them coming. They have no 3rd party insurance so there is little scope for support to someone who is injured as a result of being hit by a scooter. When challenged or asked to slow down they are often abusive and appear to show little regard for others using the footpaths. I have often witnessed 2 or 3 people riding the one scooter and almost always they are not wearing helmets. They are often seen to have earplugs in , probably listening to music while riding. E-scooters are often seen to have a disregard for road rules, as they ignore traffic lights, weave in and out of traffic dangerously and swap from footpath to road use to suit their needs. E=scooters often show a complete disregard for elderly people and people using wheely walkers of motorised wheelchairs. I recommend the following points be included in new legislation.1. E-scooters be governed so they can travel at speeds not exceeding 9kph. while on footpaths or in public spaces. SPEED IS A KILLER2 E-scooters be registered and have third party insurance . 3 . Helmets be compulsory. 4 . The wearing of Ear phones be banned while driving.

- 5. E-scooters must be fitted with lights and bell .6. E-scooter riders must obey road safety rules.
- 7. A license system be introduced for riders so safety training becomes in-built and they must carry their license with them .8. Make it compulsory for e-scooter riders to stay at the scene of an accident , as for road drivers. 9. E-scooters are for single personal use only- no passengers allowed.