## Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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## **Submitter Comments:**

I am very concerned about the use of e-mobility devices by children under 18 years old, particular those under 17 years who do not comprehend the seriousness of risk as injury or death. In my local community, there are daily kids driving dangerously and doing wheelies on their e bikes and e scooters both on the road and also on footpaths. I can't even count the number of times I have seen near misses or had to avert my path to avoid injury. In QLD, we recognise particular ages where it is permissible to drive a vehicle. Lets do the same for e-devices. Further, in terms of health we are preventing these children from exercising, and promoting obesity and poor health, which the community will pay for in the future via health costs. I have no issue with 'pedal assist' vs 'no pedal required' as (for an adult) it should be their choice. As a person with a disability, I believe the 100% electric version is a wise choice and helps with mobility. I urge you to PROHIBIT the use of ALL these devices by minors. Thank you.