Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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1. Benefits of e-mobility (including both Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs), such as e-scooters and e-skateboards, as well as e-bikes) for Queensland; low cost, accessible, convenient, reduces number of cars on the road alleviating congestion, theoretically can be taken on public transport. 2. Safety issues associated with e-mobility use, including increasing crashes, injuries, fatalities, and community concerns; This is essentially because government and local planning have failed to think long term and to provide safe avenues for use of normal bicycles, e-scooters, e-skate boards, e-bikes etc. A perfect example is the major works completed in Toowoomba on Ruthven St recently. There was an opportunity to continue and expand a bike lane on a major thorough fair into the centre of town yet nil was added. What a waste of an opportunity. Built environment is THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR in safe e-device use. Government can see these issues arising and yet has left an inquiry into e-bikes etc until it's a "problem" that needs to be addressed and will likely be poorly addressed by limiting use, increasing fines, and being heavy handed and archaic in its approach.