


Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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As an elderly person I am aware of the following concerns of elderly people:

1. The frequent use of scooters (motor vehicles) on footpaths.
2. The speed and silence of these vehicles approaching – particularly from behind.
3. Lack of any training for those driving these vehicles.
4. A common view that motorised vehicles belong on the roads.
5. A collision with an elderly person could easily be much more serious in terms of injuries to the pedestrian.
6. Many of my elderly friends and acquaintances are reducing their walks due to the fear of injury from these motor vehicles on footpaths.
7. Most elderly people are happy with non-motorised bicycle riders, eg bicycle riders.

Observing e-scooter rider behaviours:

1. Most e-scooter riders do NOT wear a helmet.
2. They are inexperienced riders/drivers.
3. There are many instances of silly or reckless behaviour with no consequence.
4. As a result of the non-wearing of helmets we have noted a steep decline in the number of bicycle riders and skateboarders wearing helmets. They see e-scooter riders without a helmet and it is now commonly regarded as 'uncool' to wear a helmet. Prior to e-scooters appearing on our footpaths most bicycle riders wore helmets – it was accepted practice.

Authorities such as Police:

1. There are so many instances of dangerous and unsafe behaviour of e-scooter riders, that it must be incredibly difficult to manage e-scooters. First would be the lack of personnel to police/manage e-scooter riders and secondly the now established patterns of ant-social and dangerous behaviour on these motor vehicles.
2. The lack of laws and rules.

SUMMARY

For most elderly folk, we are fearful of being injured by these motorised vehicles being on footpaths, we are reducing our walks along footpaths and we have a basic belief that motor vehicles belong on roadways and not footpaths.