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

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## **Submitter Comments:**

I am a motorist, cyclist and pedestrian and often shake my head at the behaviour of E-scooter riders in my area. They are generally very young and very few wear helmets. Most travel above the speed limits set for e-scooters on shared pathways and when on the roadway, they are often on the wrong side of the road. Amazingly, I have never seen riders pulled over by police. In the past year, I have had close calls with young riders. The most dangerous of these was at the junction of Nicklin Way and Buderim Streets Currimundi - two girls (doubling and no helmets) about 14 years old, riding on the wrong side of Buderim Road towards Bellara Dr. They rode straight across the intersection as I was turning right into Nicklin Way. If I had not taken evasive action, there could have been a very sad outcome. I beeped my horn and they looked in my direction laughing??I firmly believe e-scooters should NOT be used by people under 16 and then only under strict regulation. This is a serious issue and it is about time that the Qld Government held this enquiry.