

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I think e-bikes and e-scooters are a great development but NOT on pedestrian footpaths, where they are not ridden responsibly, are too fast (even when ridden sensibly) and are a significant safety hazard. I regularly commute to and walk in Brisbane city and am constantly confronted with e-bikes and even more so e-scooters that speed on the pedestrian footpaths, with frequent near misses and pedestrians needing to constantly take urgent action to avoid both front and rear approaching bikes/scooters. These should be restricted to dedicated bike/scooter lanes and helmets should be mandatory. This should apply uniformly and not just in the city. On a recent holiday to the Sunshine Coast I had the same experience on popular beach walkways. I understand they are increasingly responsible for injuries to pedestrians and also to careless / reckless riders themselves. Properly regulated and restricted to dedicated lanes they are fine, but otherwise they represent a significant safety hazard for pedestrians. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute.