

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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As a pedestrian I believe the safety of two wheeled e-scooters is a serious issue. I think they should be banned in the Brisbane CBD and perhaps other shopping areas as well as they are dangerous for people walking on footpaths, particularly when exiting shops. When walking around the CBD I have to be constantly on the lookout for e-scooters that come past without any warning, quite often at speed. The same happens in our public parks and public footpaths. When walking around the Sydney CBD recently I noticed the marked absence of scooters and it was a much more relaxing experience than walking around Brisbane where you need to be constantly on alert for these vehicles. I believe e-scooters are banned on footpaths in NSW and we need to do the same. This is a safety issue for pedestrians and the riders themselves. The speed limits on e-mobility devices need to be regulated and enforced. Some private two wheeled scooters seem to travel at a similar speed to the rest of the traffic - on the footpath! I believe the use of full face helmets on e-scooters should be banned. They are not motorcycles and they are not registered. The long suffering pedestrian has no safety gear on to protect them in event of a crash into these machines. I have seen e-scooter riders dressed as if they are riding a motorcycle and this encourages speeding.