

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

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I have used Pine Grove Road daily for more than 20 years; I walk it most days for exercise. In the last 12 months local youths have begun to use the road for fun on e scooters and e bikes. Twice in the last 6 months I have had to move quickly to avoid an accident. On both occasions I was using the footpath and a youth on an e scooter came speeding around a blind corner on a collision course with me. On another occasion my car was parked on the left side of the road while I walked. I approached the car from the rear and as I was about to open the door an e scooter and rider sped past me going in the opposite direction (on wrong side of road) and came close to hitting me. I have observed these youths riding up and down the road on the wrong side of road often. On Tuesday 10th June at approx 5.40pm I was turning right out of June Court, into Pine Grove Road, it was dark. There was a vehicle with headlights travelling towards me but there was time for me to turn. I turned into the lane and to my shock I looked to my left and found an e bike travelling down the road in opposite direction to me. I missed him by a miracle. All I saw was the back of a black helmet with a red light flashing and the back of the bike with a red tail light flashing. If there was a headlight on the bike I did not see it. The rider was wearing black/dark clothing but the frame of the bike had some yellow paint on it. After some thought I suggest, e bikes must abide by traffic rules. Riders must wear Hi Visibility vests. Night e riders must have a strong headlight, easily seen. I think an e bike rider should have to have a licence and demonstrate knowledge of Road Rules. For e scooters that use the footpath there is to be an etiquette to be followed. The rider of an e scooter is sharing the footpath with pedestrians. In my experience the rider considers he has the right of way and the pedestrian is to understand this clearly. Mothers and children also use footpaths and their safety is to be considered.

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I have already forwarded my submission but I would like to add an extra request after pondering my submission. Please would you consider introducing significant fines for riders who fail to comply with road rules. e bike riders are using a motorised vehicle and should be required to observe all road rules. A licence to ride would be appropriate.