


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

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## **Submission to Parliamentary Inquiry regarding Personal e-Mobility Devices**

We are very glad to hear that there is going to be an inquiry into the use of personal e-mobility devices (PMDs).

My wife and I walk every day. Sometimes around our local neighbourhood of Riverstone Crossing in Maudsland and two or three times a week around Paradise Point Parklands.

We have seen the growth in numbers of PMDs and it is of great concern to us. From what I understand the average walking speed is 5 to 6 kilometres per hour. These devices often pass us from behind or from the opposite direction doing at least double that, I would say, especially the e-bikes that look like small motor bikes. The riders get annoyed if anything slows them down or gets in their way. And of course they catch you by surprise due to their almost completely silent operation.

We are surprised and annoyed that these vehicles are going too fast on the footpath especially when you consider the number of people in wheelchairs especially at Paradise Point and young mothers with babies in strollers at both places.

Most of the riders do not wear helmets and obviously see themselves as immune from prosecution from helmet wearing and speeding. In Paradise Point Parkland we have seen them doing "wheelies" on their scooters near the playground close to the picnic tables.

It is no surprise that Mark Boothman's letter states there was a 112% rise in PMD related injuries from 2021 to 2024.

As the vehicles do not have registration numbers there is no way of tracing ownership and I assume they do not need licences and would not have any insurance cover for any injuries to themselves or others.

It is a ridiculous state of affairs when, while going for a walk, we get harassed by PMDs ridden by persons who have no fear of being held responsible because they can get away so quickly.

Why they are allowed on the footpaths where there are people in wheelchairs and their carers, people with strollers with babies in them and people walking their dogs is unfathomable.

Relevant laws seem non-existent or ineffective and either way the current situation needs immediate action.

Regards

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