

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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e-mobility transport has provided widespread benefits for the people of Queensland, especially as 'last mile' connections for public transport journeys and also providing outright substitutes for cars in many families my own family has three e-bikes, all of which comply with legal requirements in Queensland (two cargo bikes and one e-MTB). They enable us to travel as a family to almost all of our regular commuting destinations in inner South Brisbane. although I have witnessed safety issues due to irresponsible use of e-mobility devices, mainly private e-scooters, I strongly urge the Committee to avoid placing onerous restrictions on the use of these devices beyond those already in place. If the existing rules were enforced, especially with regards to maximum speed and parking of e-scooters. Hire companies should be required to penalise users who park their scooter poorly. There should be a way for members of the public to report poor parking, and the report should lead to financial penalty or ban for the last user. Additional separated bike lanes and off road bike paths need to be built. Existing infrastructure is just not safe. Closing the Story Bridge to all pedestrians, bikes and e-mobility devices is grossly irresponsible and discriminatory and emergency repairs should be carried out immediately to restore access. While repairs are underway, a lane on the bridge should be allocated to pedestrians and cyclists. imports of batteries and e-mobility devices that don't comply with Australian rules do need to be prevented by some means.