

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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E-mobility use potentially provides a range of conveniences in inner-city suburbs but I think in current application the benefits are far exceeded by the safety risks. I reside 10kms from the CBD so I see little use around my home, past the odd one up the street going much faster than what I understand they should. I work in the CBD however where I see a tremendous amount of usage and risk. I honestly can't see the benefit in the application past creating a market for rentals and revenue for selected businesses. I fear greatly for the safety for the elderly and vision-impaired people who experience significant challenges in mobility. They don't appear to be users of e-mobility devices as we are talking about, so I can't fathom why something has been introduced in a manner that increases the challenges and likelihood of harm for these already disadvantaged groups. I do see some potential application for people to travel car-less to and fro suburbs immediately surrounding the CBD (West End, Red Hill, New Farm etc.) but that may warrant allocated lanes or in the least considered the same as a bike. It's ridiculous to see e-scooters on footpaths.