

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I have numerous concerns regarding the use of ebikes and e scooters. I am an e scooter rider. I go slow on footpaths and wear a helmet. Sadly i am in the minority.I have seen scooters fly on roads doing over 80km/h (on the Centenary Hwy bikeway).Usually the rider has no helmet. They have no road sense, pay no rego and have NO insurance, so if someone gets smashed by the rider, they just ride off and there are no repercussions.The use of hired scooters in the CBD is out of control. Every day you have more chance of getting knocked down by some idiot riding too fast on the FOOTpath, usually with no helmet. These idiots have no fear of being caught, as i'm sure police have better things to do. How someone isn't killed on a daily basis amazes me. Then there are the scooters left in the cbd. They are all over the place, often just left in the middle of the footpath or on intersections. Its hard enough for a walker to get around, never mind people in wheelchairs. Why are these companies not held accountable for the speeds, use of helmets and having these scooters left in one location or a nearby spot out of the way. These companies are just taking in the cash and everyone else has to lump it. If it didn't have to work in the CBD, i would not visit it. I'm sick of risking my life or injury just by being on the footpath which is for PEDESTRIANS. As for e-bikes, the horse has bolted. I see kids with what are basically motorbikes, riding all over the place, again with no helmet, no rego and no insurance. Its impossible for police to manage. I've even seen on building sites workers parking their ebikes which look more like harley davison motorbikes. They are high powered, and again with no insurance or rego.....if they injure someone they are just supposed to lump it. We don't let kids drive a car till they are 17, but they are EVERYWHERE on these bikes at a young age with no road sense and NO accountability. Only a tough crackdown on what is legal and a solid policing of these rules is going to work, otherwise the numbers of injuries and deaths are just going to rise and rise. Why is Qld the only state along with ACT to allow children to ride scooters and bikes on roads. Yes its bad parenting, but unless something is done we are going to see kids dying on these things on a weekly basis. It's not too late. Change the laws and then ENFORCE them. Thankyou.