

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Dear Committee, Having lived in Brisbane for a long time, I've noticed in material decrease in the usability of the city after the introduction of 'e-mobility' devices. My concerns relate to two key issues: 1. The proliferation and misuse of devices for hire. 2. The misuse of e-bikes by food delivery riders. Hire devices Anyone walking around Brisbane's CBD and inner suburbs has had to repeatedly dodge users on hire devices, as well as those parked inappropriately. Riders regularly don't wear any safety equipment, have no concern for pedestrians and ride in front of vehicles in a dangerous manner. These are obvious safety risks that we would like to see the Government have the courage to tackle. On top of that, when was the last time you could walk through the CBD without having to dodge parked devices that have just been left in the middle of the footpath? These are a hazard for everyday pedestrians, let alone those with vision impairment or mobility issues. None of the companies bother to enforce any penalties on riders that leave them in the way (despite making riders take a picture of where they are parked). If companies cannot manage the proper use of these devices, then they should not be allowed to litter our streets with them. Other cities have had the courage to ban them, why has Brisbane not taken such action? In addition, everyone has been nearly hit by a rider and I know several people that have been hit. Delivery riders Delivery riders regularly ride on the footpath, the Queen Street Mall and other places at unsafe speeds, expecting pedestrians to jump out of their way. It would be nice if we could walk down the footpaths of Brisbane without having to worry about being hit by an idiot on a speeding e-bike. The simple solution is to actually fine riders that act in this way and/or ban food delivery apps from using riders, unless they can prove that they will act in a safe manner.