

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

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## **Submission – Safety of Personal Mobility Devices in Queensland**

To: State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee

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I am writing to express deep concern about the unsafe use of electric scooters (e-scooters), particularly around North Lakes, where I live and walk regularly.

It is increasingly common to see young children and teenagers riding e-scooters at high speeds on footpaths, weaving around pedestrians with zero regard for others' safety. Many are clearly underage, not wearing helmets, and often riding scooters that are large, powerful, and entirely inappropriate for footpath use. Some even double up with passengers, compounding the danger.

The footpaths in our suburbs are becoming unsafe for everyday pedestrians, including children, the elderly, and parents with prams.

The scooters themselves are evolving rapidly — many are now high-powered machines, far beyond the lightweight devices originally intended for casual use. With that increase in power comes a greater risk of injury, both to riders and others. It is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or killed.

I strongly urge the committee to consider:

- A total ban on e-scooter use on footpaths statewide
- Mandatory registration of all electric scooters, similar to cars or motorcycles
- Mandatory insurance coverage, to ensure victims of crashes or injuries have legal and financial protection
- Age restrictions and licensing requirements
- Stricter enforcement and penalties for reckless riding or use of unregistered devices

E-scooters may have a place in modern transport, but not in their current unregulated and unsafe form. Without strong, decisive action, this will continue to escalate — and the consequences will be tragic.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,  
Jonathan Byrne

