

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

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### Submitter Comments:

As a resident in inner city Brisbane at Kangaroo Point for the last 7 plus years, I have seen the various iterations of public use scooters come and go on the streets and footpaths of Kangaroo Point, Southbank and Brisbane City in particular. I have witnessed extremely dangerous behaviour increase since the introduction of e-scooters - both publicly rented and privately owned. I have also witnessed accidents - people being thrown off scooters onto hard ground - and have myself been involved in several 'near-misses' as a pedestrian when walking on local footpaths. Dangerous behaviour witnessed on a daily basis includes, no helmets being worn but instead hanging off the handlebars of scooters, 2 people on one scooter (sometimes parents with children!) and often also not wearing helmets, excessive speed on uneven surfaces, weaving in and out of traffic on roads and amongst pedestrians on footpaths, the wearing of airpods or headphones while riding, lack of any method of warning to other footpath users or cars on roads (especially when dark) of an approaching scooter (usually from behind). which takes just a small step the wrong way or a swerve from the scooter rider, or a car not seeing a small, unlit device travelling at speed to cause an accident. I would personally like to see e-scooters banned ENTIRELY in inner city precincts as has been done in other cities such as Melbourne and Paris in an effort to deal with the alarming rise in accidents, reckless riding and littering. I am not confident these issues can be dealt with through an education campaign for riders. Brisbane city does not have the police or other resources to monitor and fine antisocial and dangerous behaviour on scooters and the increasing cost to tax payers and burden on our health system and hospitals dealing with more frequent accidents is not something that should be tolerated. Another secondary but equally important issue I see and deal with every day is virtually littering of e-scooters. In Kangaroo Point there is a high use of e-scooters and riders often just leave them absolutely anywhere - blocking footpaths, in gardens, in driveway entrances to apartment buildings, and many times thrown into the Brisbane river! These devices contain lithium ion batteries so the ones that end up in the river must be doing damage to our river environment. Multiple times on my daily walks, I move e-scooters off footpaths that are blocking access particularly for those in wheelchairs, on walkers or trying to negotiate a pram around them. Cyclists also often have to avoid scooters when they are riding from roads onto bike paths or vice versa. Whether driving a car, walking or cycling in inner Brisbane one often has to be super vigilant to avoid getting into an accident as e-scooters whizz across intersections at high speed (often against the lights), gather speed down hills and inclines, or pass pedestrians at close range and high speed. I would implore the government to take these issues seriously and follow the example of other city or state governments and officials who have deduced the price is too high to citizens and taxpayers for a convenience that is being consistently misused and abused. I think Kangaroo Point residents all breathed a sigh of relief when all e-scooters were taken off Brisbane streets during the approach of Cyclone Alfred earlier in the year. It actually was pleasant again