

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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As a resident of the Gold Coast I strongly support the actions that need to be taken to decrease the injuries e-scooters and e-bikes are causing across the state of Qld. As a resident that regularly walks along a path near a major high school (Helensvale High), I now avoid mornings before school and afternoons along these paths due to the speed some of them travel. We have also been walking along our paths and have had several near misses in the last few years. As a parent with autistic children whom sometimes accompany me, I also would like to add my children's response or spatial awareness is at times impacted, so to move quickly from the path of an e-scooter travelling at high speeds is not something they are able to quickly respond. On one occasion we had to quickly pick up our child and move them out the path of an e-scooter. The speeds they travel are speeds that require a license. They should be set at low speed limits only. I also have been driving along our street and had a teen on an e-scooter coming along the middle of the road with the front wheel up, they almost lost their balance, they were less than half a metre from colliding into my car. Honestly something needs to be done, too many innocent people are being injured or sadly lose their lives. This needs to take action immediately to keep our state, and visitors to our state safe.