

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I consider the electric hire scooters to be a nuisance and a danger. I have seen them up to a speed of 60 km the same as the cars on the road, weaving in and out of traffic. I have seen 2 to 3 people on the one scooter and when on the footpath they are doing up to this speed and making this dangerous for people driving out of their driveways. Many times, the riders are not wearing the helmets. I have seen these scooters abandoned, presumably when the money runs out, on bridges, street corners and the side of busy streets, then the van parks in dangerous spots to collect these scooters. The scooters are also dumped in carpark spaces, sometimes disabled car park spaces, in the middle of footpaths where pedestrians (such as my 86 year old mother) have to walk around, maneuver a wheelchair, pram or bike around them, on footpath ramps at intersections, in front of shop entrances and in driveways just to name a few. These scooters are not easy to pick up and move out of the way. Scooter helmets are discarded anywhere and everywhere as rubbish. The scooters are littered everywhere all over town, they are an eyesore and I don't believe they are necessary for the tourists especially in rural towns. They may have a place in a capital city. I have not seen any of these problems with privately owned scooters, the owners seem to take good care of them and use them responsibly. Thank you for this opportunity, Kind regards.