

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

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### **Submitter Comments:**

My husband and I own a smash repairs business on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. On a regular basis, we have vehicle owners presenting for quotes to repair damage to their vehicles whereby Personal Mobility Devices have collided with their vehicle. On each occasion we have provided quotes for these circumstances, the owner of the vehicle has either had to cover the cost of the insurance excess, or pay for damage rectification themselves as the person in charge of the PMD has fled the scene. The operators of these PMD's are not traceable (i.e. no registration), not accountable, not responsible and not insured! This in itself is a problem. In the event of illegal operation, Police are unable to pursue them as the PMD operators ride up footpaths, across laneways, through parks, etc. to evade being caught. The use of them on footpaths is problematic for general public. We have all seen a pedestrian either collided with, or a near miss because of irresponsible PMD users. Additionally, many minors use PMD's. Too young to have the cognitive development to understand the consequences of their actions in relation to the use of PMD's. Too young to have a grasp on appropriate road rules. So often, I myself have witnessed PMD users cutting through lanes of traffic, weaving in and out, abusing motorists with no regard for their own safety or those around them. On many occasions, I have witnessed PMD users not even wearing a helmet! PMD's should not be on the road, they stand no chance against a motor vehicle in the event of a collision. PMD's should not be on the footpath, for the safety of pedestrians of all ages.