

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Sir, madam, who it may concern, I make my submission too the committee on the subject of the use of e-scooters. Individuals should be able to make their own rational or irrational judgement on utilising them. May they be personally owned or hired from a provider. In the event of an accident, all responsibility should be put on the individual, or in the case of blatant collision from a second party, ie, interrupted by an individual by pushing them over, or a driver of a vehicle targeting the rider. A helmet should be worn, if not, the relevant fine or warning should be issued, the same as riding a bicycle. For too long, litigation and wanting someone to blame for stupid, poor judgement, and or disregard for others. It must be reined in and common sense must prevail. Prevail to the operator and the judicial system on an even scale. Punishment must be fair, just, and fitting to each incident. Lets look at the footpath aspect, the above should be more stringent. The collisions with pedestrians going about their business should be offered some protection, I don't know how? For younger individuals, perhaps the parents or guardian is fined. For adults, they receive a fine. Perhaps both groups have, either delay them the opportunity to apply for their vehicle licence or revoke their licence if they have one. Fines work, hit them in the hip pocket, it only affects them and no one else. My thoughts only