

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

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### **Submitter Comments:**

My husband and I live in an apartment complex in Minyama, ( next to Jarrod Bleijie's office) There are 43 apartments in this complex and a further 63 in the adjoining complex. This location is ideal for the many older retirees who make up a large proportion of apartment residents. Within a 5-15 minute walk on flat terrain we have access to a large shopping centre, a wide range of medical facilities, cinema and restaurants, as well as the library and community hall and garden. In 15-20 minutes walking we can access tennis courts, the beach and surf club activities. Unfortunately, many of us have had unpleasant experiences while navigating the not very wide "foot" paths having to contend with other users riding e- scooters and e- bikes often in convoys of three or four riders travelling at speeds faster than the vehicles on the busy road. The riders of these e- vehicles display no knowledge of the concept of giving way to pedestrians and whizz past, often from behind, with no audible warning of their approach. It is not unusual to see two and even three people mounted on these devices. It is also obvious that many of these riders are under 16 years old. Moreover it is common to see an adult in control of a scooter etc with a child on board. As pedestrians we fear for our safety and bemoan the flagrant disregard of rules designed for safety of children and citizens at large. Whilst health experts extoll the virtues and benefits of keeping active as we grow older, it seems that there are now no pathways for just pedestrians. We have bike ways, and roadways but not designated pedestrians only facilities. Even in parks and recreation areas we share the boardwalks and pathways with e-scooters! Most footpaths are not wide enough to cater for multi purpose use. Alighting from the bus at the stop near our building is fraught with danger as the bus shelter occupies half the width of the pathway. Just another hazard for the unwary and/or infirm in the event of an approaching e- device. If they are to be allowed in public places these devices should at least be speed regulated as a mandatory condition of sale.