

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

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### Submitter Comments:

The inquiry should strongly consider banning e-scooters altogether because they create unsafe environments for pedestrians and road users. It has been reported for some time that injuries (and, sadly, fatalities) from e-scooter use have reached significant numbers. This alone is good reason to ban e-scooters. I have experienced the following near misses with e-scooters as a pedestrian and a road user: multiple near-miss collisions when exiting office buildings in Brisbane CBD and encountering an e-scooter travelling at speed on the footpath altercation with a couple riding the one e-scooter (without helmets) on a footpath in South Brisbane, because they were ringing the bell and trying to force their way through a narrow single-lane file of pedestrians (as a result of construction works narrowing the footpath) encountering and having to swerve for an e-scooter riding towards me (on the wrong side of the road) as I was driving - rider had no light, or helmet and was made visible only by my headlights. Like many people I know, I have heard of or seen many more e-scooter near misses. I have also seen e-scooters zooming along roads and footpaths, almost colliding with cyclists, and generally putting themselves and others in danger. In addition, there are daily nuisance encounters with e-scooters and their riders, including that: riders seem to think they have right of way on a footpath and do not give way to pedestrians riders travel erratically and at speed on the e-scooters, making it difficult for pedestrians to use footpaths in the usual way intended (walk on the left, walk with several young children in tow,) e-scooters are often dumped inconveniently across footpaths or even against residential letterboxes (preventing access) e-scooter helmets are often discarded on residential lawns or in gardens. There have been too many occasions to count in which I have had to quickly move out of the way of an e-scooter to avoid one on a footpath, or have observed those walking with me (or around me) do the same. The rules - speed, helmets, number of riders - don't seem to be enforced, or perhaps aren't really possible of being enforced. Rather than continue to let e-scooters menace pedestrians, it would be simpler and more sensible to ban these devices.