


Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I don't know how a submission is meant to look like.

I have been riding e-scooters for years and done over 6000 km on them and had my motorbike license for over 20 years. With all that experience I did come off my e-scooter last year because I looked down and the person in front of me had stopped, I tried to go around him and got to the side and hit his arm with my arm and got taken out, I had full face BMX helmet and motorbike pants and jacket on and I still needed surgery's. Morral of the story is e-scooters are safe if you ride them safely.

Whatever the laws are, some people won't follow them.

In Bundaberg there is not much infrastructure for e-scooters

On roads with a 60 km/h speed limit, e-scooter riders should be able to use the shoulder. But if there's a car parked on the shoulder and the rider needs to merge onto the road, they should slow down or stop to let vehicles behind pass safely—before moving out—so they don't interrupt the flow of traffic.



Why can't e-scooter riders use this bike lane? The road speed is 60 km/h, and in Brisbane, some of these lanes have a concrete edge—which I believe is actually quite dangerous. Some might argue that tyre size is a factor, and sure, that could be an issue for some riders—but what's the solution? We can't have two sets of laws for the same space.



If riding a bicycle on footpaths is dangerous so should e-scooters

Honestly, I reckon police should be patrolling on e-scooters—especially in areas where people are already zipping around on them. It'd be efficient, eco-friendly, and let's face it, kind of fun to watch. I actually told a couple of police officers on bikes once at the Gold Coast, 'You should be on one of these!' And one of them just laughed and said, 'I wish.'

Like I said, I'm not sure what a submission for the Inquiry into e-mobility is supposed to look like—but I just wanted to offer a rider's perspective from someone who doesn't live in Brisbane.

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