Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Regarding Safety Issues on Footpaths and Shared Use Trails: I am a regular user of footpaths and shared paths for pedestrians and cycles. I am a walker, and an E-Bike rider. I also volunteer as a pilot of E-Trishaws, for the foundation Cycling Without Age, which gives recreational rides for those with restricted physical mobility. From frequent exposure to shared-use pathways, my concerns around E-Scooters and E-Bikes are: 1. The excessive speed past pedestrians, path intersections and through blind spots.2. The lack of warning bells or methods to alert walkers.3. The growing numbers of fat-tyred E-Bicycles that, with computer chip modifications, perform like (and have the mass of) small motorbikes. These, when driven recklessly, are daunting when encountered on shared pathways.