

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Hi, Statement to the Minister's Office on E-Scooters I am writing to express my support for the continued use of E-scooters in Brisbane and surrounding areas, recognizing their valuable role in urban transportation. They offer an efficient, environmentally friendly and fun alternative to traditional vehicles and help reduce traffic congestion. However, I believe there are areas where improvements can enhance safety for all users. Having ridden scooters since they first became legal in Brisbane, I've seen their benefits firsthand. At 67, I continue to rely on E-scooters for their convenience, especially given the high parking costs and limited availability in the city. My experience has shown most riders are responsible, but there are some concerns which I believe need addressing. The primary issue is safety—particularly with riders who ignore traffic laws or engage in reckless behavior. While these instances are a small minority, they pose risks to themselves and others. Enforcement should be stricter, with appropriate penalties for unsafe riding. Additionally, I am concerned about young children, particularly those aged 15 and under, riding E-scooters. I believe age restrictions should be enforced to prevent unsafe riding by minors. In summary, I support E-scooters as a sustainable and practical transportation option, but I urge the government to implement measures which promote safer riding practices and protect vulnerable users. Sincerely, Paul Garcia