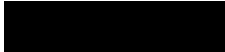


Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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* Scooters are a hazard to walkers on the footpaths * Scooters users do not follow road rules or any kind of give way, the inconsistency of their motion makes them dangerous to other road users and puts the scooter users at risk. *A high percentage of the riders I observe do not wear helmets, are doubling other users (including parents with children) Ignore road signals such as red lights by transferring to the pedestrian paths then weaving back*The risk to pedestrians is unacceptable especially considering that injuries inflicted upon them are not compensated by any reparative measure (like 3rd party insurance in motor vehicles) *The cost to the taxpayers with regard to even minor injuries is unacceptable let alone the increase in deaths and serious injuries because of e-scooters and modified e-bikes. *Safety issues with regards to batteries have not been fully addressed. A number of house fires have been directly attributed to e-scooters & bikes. *The waste and disposal of the batteries does not make them a GREEN option. *If hire e-scooters are continued, consider making them all seated as a mandatory condition & improve the mechanism of helmet use so they won't start unless the rider is wearing one. Raise the minimum age to 16, make them sit a road rules exam & carry a license to say they can use an e-bike or scooter. *Designated return areas for hire e-scooters & bikes and have the companies take a financial penalty from the hirer if they are not returned - the additional funds can assist the company to retrieve any errant scooters *More automatic "no go" areas, such as Southbank parklands - to be designated- like the CBD Queen St Mall & any beach front or boardwalks. *no bikes or e-scooters on kitty kats during peak hour travel. *Confiscate any personal e-scooter or bike where the rider is capable that breaking any rules.