

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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My primary concern is with e-scooters and e-bikes sharing paths with pedestrians. The speed differential between pedestrians and these e-users is significant, increasing the risk of collision and injury. This is especially an issue when the e-user approaches from behind because these vehicles are silent and either don't have a bell, or the user doesn't use it. Even when a warning is given, the time between that and the user passing the pedestrian is insufficient for the pedestrian to take evasive action, again because of the speed differential. I therefore respectfully suggest that either e-users be banned from using pedestrian paths or alternatively speed limiters be a requirement preventing speeds greater than 10km/h. Thank you