

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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E-scooters should be considered the same as bicycles, given their speed and low noise. They should be permitted for road use - and drive on the left side of the road (as should bicycles which I often see being ridden on the wrong side of the road, and not just in bike lanes - in which bikes should still only be used in the same direction as the traffic). Helmets should be mandatory, as should a bell, or similar, to alert people, when required - particularly when used on a footpath. There should be speed limits for both e-scooters and cycles when driven on footpaths. There needs to be more and better and safer lanes for bicycles and scooters on our roads. Then there will be less driving on the footpaths. I'm not keen on e-scooter hire companies, as the scooters are regularly parked/abandoned with no consideration for others, esp. when they obstruct footpaths. Maybe limit hire-scooter parking to specific designated parking/charging areas. With penalties for those who don't use them? Given bicycles can go very fast with a fit rider, I am not sure that limiting their speed is appropriate. I don't think they should be banned as they provide a useful alternative and affordable form of transport that helps take cars off the road. Appropriate road rules may need to be developed and concerted education campaigns provided.