


Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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2. Safety issues associated with e-mobility use, including increasing crashes, injuries, fatalities, and community concerns;

Re e-scooter use

I am a resident of Noosa Council. I am a senior, with hearing impairment. I have lost track of the number of times I have nearly been hit by e-scooter riders, who give no warning of approach and whose vehicle is too quiet for me to detect. It doesn't seem to matter where you go, whether it's walking along the park pathway in Gympie Terrace, Noosaville, where a young man whizzed by my husband and myself, or yesterday when walking up Howard St, Nambour, and a young man zoomed out of the alley next to the Everyday Foundation, in both situations there was a near miss.

- In my own home town or in Cooroy, I have seen young teens riding recklessly in the middle of the public road.
- There is no consistency as to helmet wearing which is a real concern.
- I have never been warned by bell by an e-scooter rider, compared to bicycle riders, although this also seems to be dying out among them too. It is common to see bikes with no bells on them.

Re seniors' mobility scooters

The rise in use of these means there is the increased risk of collisions between pedestrians and these scooters, or with cars. I have experienced feeling unsafe as a couple of these devices together take up a fair part of the footpath, and it is a toss up as to who will give way.

4. Suitability of current regulatory frameworks for PMDs and e-bikes, informed by approaches in Australia and internationally;

I think legislators need to act promptly to introduce registration for e-scooters and riders, regulations addressing the misuse of these devices including fines, etc.