

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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When escooters became legal I purchased one to make the 3km commute to work. It did this job very well. Then the palaszczuk government tightened the rules on speed limits making commuting legally ridiculous. I believe escooters should never have been forced onto footpaths. There should have been an option to use the bike lanes. This would have improved safety for everyone. I believe the rules around escooters were only ever concerned with commercial operators of hire scooters in the cbd. The 250 watt power limit is also ridiculous for a commuter scooter. For pmds for adults I believe there should be no power restriction. They should be allowed in bike lanes and speed allowed up to the posted speed limit on that road. Lower speeds on footpaths is fine but with no other option this will always pose a danger to pedestrians. The standard of some footpaths in brisbane are also sub par and pose risks to vehicles with small diameter wheels. Maybe the current laws should stay in place for hire scooters but a more reasonable approach is needed for those commuting on private scooters.