Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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E-mobility vehicles can be beneficial to the community if used safely but having witnessed the dangerous and very reckless behaviour of riders, who can be as young as 9 or 10 years of age we often feel at risk walking on shared paths (particularly on weekends and school holidays which indicates the ages of these riders). The speed with which they can be ridden create great safety risks for themselves and the public at large. The deaths (8 already in 2024), and that in that last five years over three thousand people have presented to twenty-six participating emergency departments in Queensland is unacceptable. I welcome the Parliamentary Inquiry's focus on the very real safety risks to the public; current rules and how they compare with other jurisdictions; how they are enforced particularly the speeds they can go and ages of those who are aloud to ride them; importation laws; and communication and education. This is a very serious public safety issue and needs to be dealt with as a matter of urgency before more people are seriously injured or die.