Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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At approx. 3.30pm on 7 May 2025, I was riding my bike home from work when I was hit by an escooter and sustained serious spinal injuries before being taken to Royal Brisbane and Women's

Hospital for treatment.

casualty of an e-scooter incident, I refer to points 2 and 8 of the terms of reference.Safety - the escooter in my incident was travelling at approx. 50 km/h. These machines travelling at such speeds are dangerous to all concerned and must be either speed limited or removed from the marketplace. I was riding on a bike path observing all rules when I was hit by a reckless e-scooter rider entering at speed from the road directly into my path. Health and trauma experts - the number of people that provided assistance in my accident from emergency services, ICU, Neurosurgeons, nursing staff, through to ongoing rehabilitation services has been a massive eye opener. The costs associated with my incident alone to the State has been huge with the cause of the accident a relatively new issue given I have been riding my bike for close to 40 years and e-scooters recently introduced to the footpaths, roads and bike paths of Brisbane. I am a long way from getting my life back close to what it was before this incident and may never be able to do so.

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