

## Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I'd like to submit an individual perspective in relation to the growing concerns over e scooter use.

My concerns first grew in 2019, a gentle walk through the botanic gardens in Brisbane was nearly a disaster when a whizzing e scooter narrowly missed my newly walking toddler as we wandered the path enjoying the serenity. Zero consequence for the scooter operator, they were gone in a flash. How on earth can we feel safe in these spaces if there is no liability for the users, no regulation for the speeds and zones, no insurances and worse, no licences ? Years on, I am frequently met with juveniles riding the scooters up the wrong direction of the road ways, without helmets and seemingly above the laws. I feel the roads are now a different space to navigate, requiring me to be constantly on alert for an e scooter to pop out of anywhere, in any direction. Should I have an accident with one, I am liable, despite no honest wrong doing. I can't help but feel the lack of governance around this growing issue is taking too long to resolve or regulate, how many more deaths and injuries need to occur before changes are made. In essence they seem to be a good option for the environment and greater accessibility, but my personal opinion is, the risks greatly outweigh the benefit. I would be interested to see the data on hospital presentations due to e scooter accidents but what would be even more alarming is the "near misses" that are un reported.

At best these scooters should be restricted to registered, licence worthy riders, over the age of 16 and be covered with a third party insurance. The children and disqualified drivers that use them shouldn't have a place on our road ways.