Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I appreciate the opportunity to express my view for the review as a citizen of Brisbane City. While I can see the convenience of riding an e-scooter or bike, no matter it is a privately owned or rented from the Council, it imposes high risk to other people using pedestrian paths or footpaths due to (i) some riders are travelling at a high speed on those paths; (ii) navigating between users on those paths; and (iii) running with low sound. In my view, e-scooters and bikes should be banned from riding on the pedestrian paths and footbaths as:(i) monitoring speed is ineffective (seems not a party is doing this);(ii) people with vision impairment like me is not able to see they are coming in our way;(iiI) most of the rods in Brisbane have bike lanes where those e-scooters and bikes should be travelling on; and(iv) riders are getting younger and causing more injuries to themselves and other users. In addition, I would suggest part of the review should put the onus onto city councils that renting the e-scooters and bikes out with a profit to restrict the parking of those equipment in designated spaces on the road rather than allowing the users to abandon the equipment any where they like, thus blocking the paths or even causing other users to be tripped by those abandoned scooters, especially in dark and at night time.