

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I have suffered or witnessed several incidents and numerous near-misses with pedestrians involving bikes, e-bikes, scooters, e-scooters and skateboards on so-called shared walkways and footpaths.

The current speed limit for these devices is not sign-posted or enforced that I have seen anywhere near Newstead or New Farm. The end result is that many people, especially elderly ones, are not able to enjoy outdoor walking. Importantly, the Committee must consider walkers, and not just the riders of these devices. Suggestions: Speed limits on shared walkways must be prominently sign-posted, Community Safety Officers must be employed, substantially funded through fines, to enforce speed limits and with the power to issue fines and instantly confiscate devices where the infringement is significant, and Devices should not be allowed on footpaths that are less than 900 mm wide.