

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I am 47 years old and approximately 150kgs and purchased an e-scooter to get out and be more active. My partner and I use our scooters almost every weekend. The scooters have encouraged us to visit many places in and around Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and Ipswich. I am more active and walk and move more because of the e-scooter and we visit many cafes, restaurants, tourism locations across the region while we are using our scooters. Many places we ride at night I wouldn't feel safe walking. We've taken our scooters to Hervey Bay and Maryborough as well as Toowoomba which allowed us to sightsee in a way we couldn't manage without them. We agree that education around the rules of use should be increased and the enforcement of the rules is currently not strong enough especially in relation to young people and the road use. It is currently confusing to know when I can ride on a road so we stay off them but being on a footpath is sometimes not appropriate. We'd like to see more bike lane usage available for e-scooter riders.