

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

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#### To The Committee

I am a 62-year-old man that has seen many changes in the way we can get about from tricycles to pushbikes to the many things that have been made available in the market today.

While I have not said anything before, I do think I need to put to you my thoughts on the issues you have been asked to look into this current situation of PMD's

I do understand that there are some benefits to being able to move about on the PMD's that being the low costs and saving space on the roads that these savings are very much overtaken by the dangers to the safety of not only the riders but to everyone who comes in contact with them not just physically but also close by as the PMD whizzers by them.

I have had my own issues to deal with in recent years as I was not able to hear them coming and therefore almost got collected by a PMD.

1. To this point I would like you to recommend that PMD's be **TOTALLY BANNED** from footpaths especially in the CBD areas of towns and cities.
2. PMD's be **PROHIBITED** from the normal traffic lanes on roads and therefore only to be within bike lanes thus where a bike lane stops the rider must walk over to the other side of the intersection to continue or use the concrete path if one is available in the street.
3. Just like when I was a young fellow, we had to signal the moves with hand signals the use of these signals **MUST** be

MANDATORY so others can know which way the rider is going to be heading. I have noticed some PMD's, but not all, have tiny lights very low near the wheels this means that most people will not spot them as drivers will be looking at areas higher up. The front light if fitted only lights up no more than a metre in front so is NOT of any use to see obstacles.

4. As these PMD's are powered by a motor they MUST come under the same regulations of a motorbike and need a licence and registration as well as FULL FACE HELMETS. On this part I would wish ALL PUSHBIKES also have to have some form of identification to be able to be reported for dangerous operation of the equipment.
5. I do NOT believe a person under the age of 15 has the capability to use these PMD's in the way they are meant to be used safely. This is due to the reaction time and speed/power the PMD has got.
6. There are not enough Police now for the controlling of all the legislation that will be needed so there needs to be some heavy deterrent in place to make the user think before using the PMD.
7. The charging of the PMD's MUST BE OUTSIDE of a dwelling and in a covered area NOT connected to a place of dwelling.
8. The education system must be updated to be able to allow those using them to have the knowledge on how to do so safely.
9. I believe we NEEDED NATIONAL ROAD RULES/LAWS 70 or even 80 years ago. As I find out so many things are different as soon as we go over a line on a map.

I hope these points I have made here are going to be helpful in making your report to the Government and if you need any clarification I will be pleased to do so.

Your Sincerely

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