

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

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## **- Michael Crisp Submission -**

I have been a resident of the Sunshine Coast for nearly two years now and in that time I have observed the flagrant disregard that many E bike and scooter users have for other user of footpaths and roadways.

There are many rules for the use of E mobility devices in Queensland and they can be found at <https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/rules/wheeled-devices/personal-mobility-devices#carrypeople>.

Some of the rules include –

1. Solo Riders must be 16 or older.
2. If aged between 12 and 16, an adult must supervise them.
3. 12 kmph speed limit on footpaths
4. 25 kmph limit on roadways
5. Must wear a helmet.
6. Must give way to pedestrians.
7. No passengers

There are other rules, but the above list is a good start for highlighting the indiscretions that E Bike/Scooters rides commonly make.

From my own experience –

- I have been knocked out of the way by an e Scooter on a footpath.
- I have seen elderly people knocked over on footpaths.
- Many E Bike/Scooter riders regularly exceed speed limits on footpaths, on the road or in “no bike” zones.
- Many E Bike/Scooter riders do not know simple traffic rules.
- The riders tend to be rude and abusive when challenged about their vagrant behaviour.

If all the rules outlined by the government were obeyed by E Bike/Scooter riders, then there would be no problem however this is simply not the case.

If the authorities are incapable of enforcing the rules due to under resourcing or other priorities, then I suggest the total banning of such vehicles.

Cheers,

Mike Crisp