

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

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### Submitter Comments:

Each year it seems to me the safety of pedestrians is being subverted by stealth. Footpaths used to be for pedestrians, Now any new device coming on the market is given the go ahead to put aging walkers to be responsible to accommodate them. If the rules which apply to mobility scooters and wheelchairs and the like are applied to these new devices, this may work for me. Speeds on these new devices should be limited to the speed of walkers - no exceptions - six km/hr! I'm warm to the idea of banning the wearing of helmets for users of footpaths except for small children. Requiring helmets in my view creates an unhealthy vibe - the wearers may sense they are okay to perform dangerous manoeuvres. I grew up in Vancouver, British Columbia (Canada), probably as pedestrian friendly as anywhere. The local by-laws gave right-of-way to pedestrians at uncontrolled intersections. This forward thinking approach has been adopted by the Province of British Columbia. For ideas on how to handle PMDs, British Columbia offers some ideas. In my opinion there should be no need to look further for possible solutions. See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/cycling-regulations-restrictions-rules>