

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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As you'd appreciate, there has been a lot of discussion surrounding the use and dangers of e-bikes recently, and the threat of injury to the owners and also pedestrians. It's currently 9pm on a Sunday night and I'm watching young kids fly up Old Burleigh Road at here at Broadbeach with no lights, no helmets and doing wheelies. The speed and riding habits of those on e-scooters is another matter and in general, is unacceptable. I feel sorry for the poor motorist who could potentially come into contact with these things and the consequences for all involved. The use of these bikes and scooters on a crowded seaway pedestrian thoroughfare to Surfers Paradise is also a major issue. I realize this may be a difficult issue to police, considering the burden the police force is under with other matters and the fact this is not specific to one council area, but many throughout the state. So it's not so much a local council issue. But surely, can't it be legislated that e-bikes and motorized scooters that travel at a certain speed must be registered in Queensland like any other form of motorized transport that can travel at such speed? These are basically motorcycles without any form of regulation. Registered owners would be required to follow road rules, wear appropriate safety equipment, be of a certain age to operate them and obviously pay fines and a registration fee, which could also raise revenue. Just like any other motorist has to. I just feel something needs to be done before this gets out of hand and more people are injured or are impacted.