

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Bike lanes, education, steep fines for abusing the road- disrupting traffic ie: doing wheelies all over the place and generally running amok. Steeper fines and penalties for automobile drivers as some ppl simply hate honest cyclists. Legalising riding on freeways (with sensibility) as they do in NSW as these roads are ALWAYS safer than back roads. (Cars can do 80-100kmh on back roads and there's often no shoulder for cyclists to get off safely whereas freeways have 3-5 metres. Changing cycling laws to have riders riding no more than 2 abreast, (as in NSW) because anymore than this is simply rude, disruptive and disgraceful. My personal theory is that there should be one cyclist only, no more, unless they're overtaking. Taking off of, or impounding anyone riding a E bike or E scooter that is naturally capable of speeds over the law, 25kmh, unless under the person's own power. De regulating/ restricting E bikes from 25kmh to 30kmh as the lower speed is very dangerous when the governer/restrictor kicks in. Often that little bit of a higher speed is vitally needed to get out of dangerous situations.I'm sure I could think of more but for now that's all I've got.I'm a cyclist and have an E bike and one other bike. I haven't got a automobile licence, a car, and I haven't driven for 20 years. Bicycles are my only form of transportation so I feel I'm very well versed in what to say.I ride with helmet, high vis vest, rear and front flashing lights and mirrors. I can control me but I can't control other ppl. It's dangerous out there and my life is in my own, (& God's) hands. I also get well off the road whenever I can, (I live rural not city or town) and this is where the mirrors are a life saver. I chose mirrors also because of simple body movements ie; "the body follows the head follows the eyes. Simply put, when you turn your head to check for traffic your shoulders- arms- body follows and this steers the bike into the traffic.Perhaps this is for older riders like myself or ppl with stuff necks however wherever I can I use the mirrors then follow it up by looking.Cyclists ears are also one of our first line of defences so absolutely NO!! headphones or music... None!! Period... I tried this decades ago and I even tried it one earphone and I even tried it with a Bluetooth speaker in my water bottle holder and it's incredibly dangerous. Educate the cyclists, scooter riders and mobility users first. Educate educate education!!! Use everything I've said here. I have decades of experience, not only the previous 20 years and I've seen it all. I've also been a young man/boy and I know that we don't think of any outcomes, this is natural but I've also seen young girls in bikinis doubling on these non self powered, these non restricted bikes that along with the non restricted E scooters really seem to be the main problem.I also firmly believe that anyone going for a car licence should be made well aware of the distance laws and as part of the licence the person should be made to sit in a stationary bike (exercise bike or something) on the side of a road, (testing track or something) and have cars trucks and buses pass them several times so that they might get some idea, or it might make some impression of what's going on.I also want to see drivers who cause injury or death to cyclists be made to buy a bike and ride it as part of the fine for (X) amount of time etc...Wider and more bike lanes bike- ways is incredibly necessary and this is a must for the Qld government to address and as I said before, the freeways are infinite times safer than the back roads however I am forced to ride back roads.Kind regards,A cyclist.