

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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As a Burleigh resident and longtime user of walkways, I am pleased to learn you are trying to address the e-bike/e-scooter problem. I see it as 1. They are silent and hence dangerous 2. The large majority of users, be they kids or adults, don't care about the chaos they cause amongst walkers or drivers. This is their fun time and their entitlement and as they can rapidly escape, there are no consequences. 3. Start by banning them on walkways including the newly upgraded path between North Burleigh and the National park. Unfortunately shared pathways should not include motorised vehicles. Change the law, insist they use the dedicated bikeways on the roads, no ifs & buts from parents. While the vehicles remain unregistered and the users unlicensed, they will always manage to escape as, by and large, they are more fleet footed than the walking public who "get in their way". A particularly dangerous place is where the path around the national park at Burleigh crosses George St at its intersection with the Gold Coast Highway travelling north. Before someone is killed (and the car driver blamed) put some obstruction across the path so bike and scooter riders must demount. Action is urgently needed on this highly dangerous topic