

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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To the Committee for the Inquiry into E-Bikes and E-Scooters,

It is very reassuring that something is being done about these e-bikes and e-scooters. There have been a number of times where I personally have been almost hit by a rider as I walked on the footpath only to save myself by jumping out of the way. I am in my late 60's so am wary/nervous when one of these machines comes hurtling toward me. Also, there have been numerous times where I have come close to hitting a rider in my car as they weave in and out of traffic illegally. This is not just children but adults also.

My suggestions:

As these vehicles are motorised they are no different from other motorised vehicles that must be registered to be on our roads. So, in the 1st instance:

All E-bikes and E-scooters must be registered.

All E-bike and E-scooter riders must be licensed.

Children under the age of 16 are not allowed by law to ride these vehicles on public roads.

Helmets must be worn.

Fines for licensed drivers who have multiple people on their bike.

Primary schools banning the riding by children on e-bikes and scooters to schools and the storage of these bikes on school property.

A 3 strikes and your bike/scooter is impounded.

To be progressively rolled out:

Bikeways and paths that are not shared by pedestrians.

Road safety messages especially in High Schools.

Parents fined if children caught riding the vehicles on public roads.

Speed limited to 20km/h if decision is made to allow riding on footpaths.

I understand that this is a QLD Gov. Parliament Inquiry but perhaps push Federal Government to ban imports of illegal bikes that do not meet Australian standards. This may help alleviate some issues with batteries causing fires.

I worry for the children on these bikes and wonder about the logic of parents to buy and allow their children (especially primary school aged children) to ride these bikes without a thought to their child's safety.

I am happy to discuss this further or clarify any points if need be.

Thank you for taking this issue seriously