

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I have a few points to bring up. I have mobility problems, I use a walking stick and am slow, so dodging a speeding e bike doesn't happen. I have had quite a few near misses, for example, exiting my doctor's surgery (Tugun Family Medicine) an e bike shot passed their door on the footpath and actually brushed me. Now had I or any other person be hit or injured, there is no way to identify the rider. The intersection of Gold Coast Highway and Toolona St Tugun is rife with these riders flaunting the law, racing against lights to get to the Tugun beach and the Ocean Way. They flaunt the law because they cant be identified, A couple of my children are motor bike riders, to do so they have to be licensed, their bikes registered (third party insurance) etc. Now it seems that if they took out their petrol engines and installed an electric motor, there would be no need for any of that. Some of these e bikes are quite heavy and in some cases are faster than the small motor bikes and scooters (which must be registered), These vehicles can run traffic cameras etc with no recourse. I rarely see a motor bike or scooter rider without a helmet, on the other hand, I rarely see a e bike rider with one. I believe that these bikes MUST be registered, I do understand that this isn't cost effective but, what is the price of a life bowled over by one of things flying down a footpath, or the rider getting hit by a car when the rider chooses to run a red light.