

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express serious concern regarding the growing safety risks posed by electric bike riders, particularly among the younger population, and the urgent need for regulation and enforcement before more lives are put at risk.

Under current driving laws, individuals must reach a legal age, pass a driving test, and learn road rules before being permitted to drive a car. They are also required to display L-plates and wear safety equipment. In stark contrast, electric bikes—some of which reach significant speeds—are being operated by individuals with **no formal training, no license, and often little to no regard for the safety of others.**

Many of these riders:

- Do **not** wear helmets,
- Travel at **unsafe speeds,**
- Frequently **ride two abreast,**
- Lack warning devices to alert pedestrians,
- Show **blatant disregard** for road and pathway etiquette.

This has created a **high-risk environment**, particularly on shared pathways where pedestrians—including children, the elderly, and pets—are now exposed to fast-moving bikes with no warning or accountability. The safety and wellbeing of the community is being compromised daily.

Just last week in Tweed, I experienced a dangerous encounter with a young electric bike rider. As I was cautiously pulling out of a petrol station, the rider attempted to speed past my vehicle. I stopped to avoid a collision, yet he proceeded to verbally abuse me and, shockingly, gave me an offensive gesture while riding off at high speed—completely ignoring a red traffic light and with no attention to the road ahead. This reckless and entitled behaviour is unacceptable.

What are we doing about this? Why is there no enforcement? Why are electric bike riders not held to the same standard of safety and responsibility as car drivers?

We need action—**now**. Regulation, education, and enforcement are essential before more people are seriously injured or worse. It shouldn't take a tragedy, like someone's mother being hit and killed, to finally prompt reform.

The current situation is dangerous, disrespectful, and out of control. We must act before it's too late.

Sincerely,

