

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I ride an electric ebike and there are two points that I think are worth considering. Enforcement of helmet wearing and ebikes using roadways and not footpaths. Of particular note is the detrimental example of parents not wearing helmets when riding, even though it is a legal requirement. Young people need to be held accountable for not wearing helmets, while parents need triple penalties for the same. Accidents will always happen, prevention of serious injury is the primary preventative measure of safety to be considered. Helmets do a great job at keeping injuries to scraps and broken bones which will heal. Ebikes are fast and now numerous. As such they need to be limited to roadways where accountability remains with the rider and does not include the risk to foot traffic that is designed for pedestrians. Where a pathway is designated for both there needs to be an enforceable limit of 15kph that will keep serious injury to both parties under control. We want more ebikes in use. They are fun, environmentally friendly, healthy, and reduce traffic and pollution. Responsible ownership and riding is key to their future and the benefits they bring [REDACTED]