

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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On any given day there are a multitude of electric powered vehicles in the form of scooters, skate boards and e bikes utilising the pathway with pedestrians between Bilinga and Greemount. The speed that many riders attain on these vehicles is frightening and it is only a matter of time when a rider and/or innocent pedestrian is seriously injured or killed. Many riders take considerable risk by Dinking one or even two people on the one bike and not wearing helmets. It is also apparent the speed limiting device on many bikes has been disconnected which enables a much faster speed. It is quite disconcerting to observe young teenagers on their way to school at speed, using both the pathway and roadway. The pathway is utilised by all age groups and it is common the see young children enjoying time with their family, completely oblivious to the dangers around them. Many of the users are tourists and tend to be distracted by the surroundings and not fully aware of the vehicle traffic risks. First thing is to categorise the vehicles, define what is legal, establish speed limits, develop rules and regulations on where and how the vehicles can be used and ensure enforcement for the safety of all concerned, both riders and other users alike. Failure to do so will result in serious injury and fatalities.