

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I feel very strongly about the safety of these teenagers getting around in these e-bikes. Whilst some of them wear helmets, most of them don't. Just the other day, I had one riding down Clive's cct, Currumbin Waters in front of me. He had a helmet on, but was riding in the middle of the road, even though he saw me come out of my street and should of known I was behind him, he either didn't care or seemed to forget. Because he road in the middle of the road in front of me, swerving and seemingly unaware he was putting one knee up on the seat about to do a trick or something and had nearly stopped in front me to perform this trick/stunt! When I blew my horn to get out of my way from the middle of the road he turned around like he didn't know nor care I was there and he was in my road! Most members of my family have encountered similar incidents with possibly this same child. I feel child is the key word here, they are children on e-bikes that have no road sense and sometimes I guess not the peripheral vision to see other road users that have a licence and know the road rules! These children do not have licences, nor any kind of road safety nor do they know nor care about the road rules! Many of these bikes have been made faster illegally which is terrifying. They are going to run into cars and if they are lucky enough to get up and dust themselves off, they they continue on and take off, thus leaving the licensed driver with their motor vehicle damaged and having to pay their own excess to get their vehicle fixed! Through no fault of their own they now have a damaged vehicle and the child is no where to be seen. If they haven't ended up dead or badly injured that is from the accident. So my suggestion is, if they don't have a license, they don't own an e-bike simple. The police need to be given more powers to get them off the road. It is far too dangerous to put a motorised vehicle on the road with the rider unlicensed and non compliant with road rules. I own an ebike myself, but I am a 58 year old with a license. So I have road sense and know the road rules, completely different story. These kids need to be taken off e-bikes now to save their lives. A very concerned resident of Currumbin Waters, this is going to end very badly for many children their families.