

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Hello as a former Police officer for 30 years, I am appalled by what appears to be a lack of interest regarding electric vehicles (Scooters and bikes) being allowed to occupy public paths and footpaths. Where I reside on the Gold Coast, mainly children but also adults with 2 or 3 kids hanging off the vehicle are thundering along weaving in and out of pedestrians. These vehicles should be barred from footpaths, ocean ways and other public areas. They are vehicles just the same as electric cars. On most occasions the riders (and passengers) have no protection. There should be a test of the traffic rules enforced, an age restriction and a licence so that the riders can be identified and there is some form of CTP insurance to protect the innocent parties who are hit. I have personally seen two youngsters, one about 2 or 3 years of age and the other about 4 years of age, hit by a fellow by the name of [REDACTED] who is a student at Palm Beach Currumbin High school. I cooperated with the parents and supplied footage and a statement to the QLD police. If licences do come in and it is a given, they should, there could be a time frame where Police do a blitz, confiscate the vehicle (which could be held and returned to a licenced person) and the rider fined. The vehicles should be ridden in the bike lanes on roads and again the riders fined if they ride on footpaths and Oceanway's. At the moment SE QLD looks lawless regarding these electric vehicles and if nothing is done, we will look like Bali or India or other corrupt countries where anything goes. Thankyou.