

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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My wife and I and two pups walk the shared paths to Tugun and Currumbin Alley daily and regularly have to look over our shoulder to ensure that we do not get hit by bike riders . The issue mainly involves e bike riders but also lycra clad riders who avoid Tugun hill by using the pathway to avoid the climb . The worst section is the childrens playground at Flat Rock Creek where the bikes speed through at a ridiculous pace . We should or no one else should have to worry about their personal safety whilst walking or running on these or any other pathways . The main offenders observed are young teemage school children attending PBC High . No helmets , up to three to a bike and travelling at a ridiculous pace . Suggestions are as follows - 1. All e bikes to be ridden on the road and to be registered with a Number Plate for identification 2. Registration at time of purchase 3. Existing bikes to be registered before or by a pre - determined date 4. No registration no ride or alternatively confiscation 5. Speed limiters to added to e bike software so increasing bike speed cannot be achieved 6. Helmet to be worn at all times whilst riding the bike 7. Age limits for e bike riders to be enforced as we have witnessed young children riding them erratically 8. Parents to be made accountable for damage or injury as a result of reckless operation by a child ie Pre MV licence age . These are some ideas that could be implemented to assist in making safe our pathways . We appreciate that some conditions already apply to e scooters etc and the e bikes were overlooked by the regulators . Thank you .