

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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The legislative conditions surrounding the use of ebikes and scooters in Qld, has failed to address the very basis upon which these vehicles have been allowed to permeate society. Governments are now attempting to shut the gate on a horse that has already bolted. Queensland, along with every other state government and territory, needs to now standardize this legislation. At the moment, the states etc are split in their individual responses to the issue. Some do not allow these vehicles on public roads and paths, others allow it with various conditions. There is no standard approach. Sales of these vehicles appear to have no legislative guidelines and modified vehicles are freely accessible to the public. Police enforcement of the limited legislation is a drain on resources and is only an attempt by governments to appear proactive, when the fact remains that the horse has bolted. New South Wales has no place for these vehicles on their roads and that to me, is the only approach that works. In my view, if police resources are to be used, at least give the police an open ended opportunity to address the issue without having to research each and every case before action can be taken. Like so many others, I am fed up with having to contend with ebike and scooter riders on both our roads and our pathways. Children travelling at excessive speeds on public roads whilst having little or no road sense and legal responsibility, is a bridge too far.