

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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E-bike / E-scooter current laws and penalties are worthless. Every day I see these laws broken by children, and adults alike, but mostly children. I see high powered e-bikes and e-scooters daily. I have seen them regularly hit speeds of 80km/h, and on residual roads and foot paths 50 - 60km/h. I'm shocked there hasn't been most fatalities. I had an ebike ride at my children on a bike path, no motor bikes allowed, whilst they were exercising on normal foot pedal scooter, they were beeping their horn for us to move, didn't slow down, came straight at us, at speeds in excess of 60km/h. Reported to police, no feedback. This "green solution", decreasing cars on roads to ease decongestion, this is not the solution. The demographics with these bikes and scooters are mostly under 16, no licence and flouting the laws. It's adding to congestion, and the danger on the roads, footpaths and parks. More than one on bike or scooter, with phone, speeding and no clue on road rules, or no sense or care to follow them. Why should they, there aren't any consequences when they are unidentifiable and no one is chasing them. Solution, make them pay registration. No registration, confiscate the bikes/scooters and destroy. Under age, then fine the parents. Without policing and penalties that are enforced regularly this will get out of control, more than it is now, and there will be innocent victims of these callous riders, as demonstrated already interstate.