

## Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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### Submitter Comments:

E-bikes have quickly taken over our community, and the infrastructure and policies to ensure safe use has to catch up. E-bikes are fun and appealing and encourages people to commute with a different mode of transport than their cars - all positive things. However, without adequate bike lanes on the gold coast, we find e-bikes travelling at high speeds on the roads (taking off the restriction on their bikes allows them to go 60km/hr), and often weaving in and out of traffic. Most cases users are children, do not understand road rules, and are not wearing adequate protective clothing and helmets. In a collision with a car, at these speeds, these kids have no chance. If the bikes arent on the roads, we find them travelling at high speeds on the footpaths and shared paths.

Shared paths are no place for a bicycle other than cruising along with your kids in tow at jogging speed. There are rules to limit bikes to 12km/hr but nobody knows this, nobody complies with this rule, and nobody enforces it either. So at the moment we have e-bikes that everybody obviously loves to use, but no where to ride it safely. This calls for major investment in bike lanes on roads and bike paths adjacent to footpaths to make a integrated cycle network like brisbane has been successful in implementing in many areas. Subsequently, funding should be provided to the QPS to be able to adequately police unlawful use of e-bikes, that is riding them at unrestricted speeds. The e-dirtbikes that ive seen on the streets are not to be classified as a bike and should be a motorbike or similar to a moped and they need to be registered and ridden with a license. I have heard that these e-motorbikes are being used to commit crimes on. Police should take this very seriously. And lastly, there needs to be education provided to all school age children regarding the rules, about how to ride safely and also the road rules. This should be free and mandatory and to every class of every high school. Thats all for now.. hope this makes an impact, and thank you for taking the time to read my submission without the use of AI. Regards