

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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My main concern with e-bikes anywhere on the Gold Coast is the lack of policing. We live on the southern GC near a beach. My wife and I are around 60 years old and one of the reasons we live where we do is for the walking access to nearly all the facilities that we rely on. Unfortunately, the unmonitored operation of e-bikes, make our daily outings a hazard. The main concerns are: Immature and untrained riders, without helmets most of the time, riding at high speeds on walking paths narrowly missing other path users. Most e-bike operators, whilst riding on roads, not abiding by basic rules of the road. This includes; no helmets, travelling at speeds dangerous to the conditions particularly at intersections, ignoring traffic lights, stop and give way signs etc. The other concern is that we often see (on a weekly basis) very 'close call incidents', involving unsuspecting tourists visiting the area not looking or being aware of the e-bike hazards approaching from behind and stepping out or to the side and either being hit or narrowly escaping injury.