

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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To whom it may concern

Submission on Enquiry into E Bikes

On the subject of E Bikes on our streets and footpaths there is much to be said in respect of public safety for both riders, other road users and pedestrians alike. For a start there is little, if any, policing on the use of these E Bikes, in particular the requirement by all push and motorized bikes for the rider to wear a safety helmet. Outside every school in our area kids going to school on these 'Motor Bikes' are seen both, not observing the helmet requirement and using the footpath at speeds up to twenty KPH and beyond. Can someone please explain why motor scooters and low HP motor bikes require a license, registration and insurance, when these E Bikes are often seen doing speeds far in excess of the aforementioned and often weaving in and out of traffic, doing 'Mono's' and generally behaving in a manner without any concern for public safety. Government needs to act in a decisive manner in the case of these new technology bikes often used by young kids as young as eight or nine seen speeding amongst traffic with no experience or understanding of basic road rules. The number of accidents must surely indicate the need to address this issue without fear of certain individuals attempting to justify these E Bikes as a right of passage. As a Government in a society that expects a certain degree of responsibility, it's high time legislation, backed up with enforcement, is seen to be responding to the majority of opinion on the advent of these E Bikes being used erratically on our roads and footpaths. As a note of interest I have a friend in the bike business and some of the latest E Bikes are capable of speeds up to 80KPH!!!! Time to step up to the plate and put a halt to the 'plague' of these motorized machines invading our footpaths and thoroughfares. Thanking for taking the time to read my submission and look forward to the Crisafulli Government showing strength on what is a matter of concern to the community as a whole. Best Regards Dennis Riddell.
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