

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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To the committee, I wish to put my views and experiences forward on the use of PMDs. PMDs in the last 5 or so years have quickly increased in range, power and affordability as the technology has evolved. They have gone from a child's toy to an affordable means of transport for urban commuters. Unfortunately the legality and education around the use hasn't moved with their evolution. Unfortunately we currently have children with no road sense or understanding of road rules using PMDs capable of 70-100 km/h on the road beside cars and heavy trucks. This is a recipe for disaster. I have personally had a PMD pass me on the road between my car and the footpath (up the inside) while I was traveling at 60km/h. The rider must have been 12-13 years old wearing shorts, a tee shirt and no helmet. I believe the cost of the high powered PMD puts them out of reach for most children to purchase them. Therefore I imagine it's the uneducated parents supplying their under skilled children with overpowered vehicles. My opinion is that they have their place as a low cost option for commuters but should be registered and have a drivers licence required like a motorcycle to ride anything powerful enough to travel above 12km/h. Also as a registered motor vehicle should not be used on footpaths as they endanger other users due to speed. Thanks for taking submissions on this topic, it is something that needs to be addressed and controlled for the safety of all.