

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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The use of e-scooters and e-bikes, mostly by teenagers, is dangerous, unrestricted and in many instances, illegal. I work as an anaesthetist in a level 1 trauma centre, and the trauma board is constantly filled with injuries from these scooters. They travel at the speeds of petrol motorbikes, but without the same level of protective gear or regard for road rules. Most nights you can find a teenager, inevitably dressed in all black, doing wheelies down Oxley drive through red lights. What I'm more concerned with, however, is the danger to other people. We frequently walk our dog in Sickie Park and nearly get hit by these scooters travelling at high speed on the foot path, without any regard for pedestrian users. I think the solution is to ban their use for children under 16, and require registration and licence for their use on the road. They should be flat out banned from footpaths and parks, or speed restricted to 15kmh. The cost to the health system is astronomical, and it's only a matter of time before more injuries and deaths occur.