

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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The biggest problems here are Lime Bikes, and what I would call fat bikes(small black e motorbikes), altered bikes and scooters, and non helmet wearing compliance.1/ most lime bikes are not either supplied with helmets, or the riders do not wear them. Of particular interest is figures that Lime posted in I think July 2024 of 104,000 rides, (about 7 rides every daytime minute!). Matching figures from Q Transport show that 14 yes 14 tickets were issued in total in that month for non helmet wearing riders*. Lime Bikes should be banned from operating on the Gold Coast, and questions need to be asked of Q police and the GCCC of why non compliance is so poorly policed. Riders here think they can easily get away with non helmet wearing, so nobody cares.* the figures quoted are from the GC Bulletin and Q Transport.2/ most e bikes riders, locals, do the right thing. The lime bike riders, riders on modified bikes and modified e bikes, and modified e scooters are the problem. Young riders on fat bikes are at that "invincible" age, having harassed their parents into buying them, and have created a police, health, hospital, parental, schools problem that needs to be quickly addressed. Deaths have already happened. It's out of control. The Gold Coast is regarded as an anything goes zone. Visitors are amazed at what they see. Helmet wearing blitzes, checking riders ages(particularly Lime and Fat Bikes) increased fines, checking and banning modified bikes and scooters, and much more publicity about fines, dangers, accidents and deaths.