

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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MAN DIES AFTER 80 KM/H COLLISION WITH ALLEGEDLY MODIFIED EBIKE ON VICTORIA'S MORNINGTON PENINSULA - HE WAS CROSSING THE ROAD, These are the headlines I woke up to this morning and there will be plenty more if something isn't done immediately, One the main concerns is that we as a community are making a submission about this ebike epidemic to the very people in Parliament who created this dangerous out of control situation. I don't have much faith in this process, it reminds me of the old adage where you are trying "To close the gate after the horse has bolted" I submit that you start with the following. 1. Stop the import and sale of all ebikes that are considered illegal and those that can be modified to become illegal. 2. Those offenders who are caught by the authorities riding illegal ebikes will have the said bike forfeited and destroyed as well as receiving infringement notices. 3. Those same offenders who are yet to obtain a drivers licence will have a 12 month ban placed on them from obtaining a licence from the date they apply. This strategy is to obviously address reckless and/or recalcitrant behaviour when it comes to respecting the road rules and acting responsibly. 4. That any approved such ebikes be fitted with the ability to make a noise so pedestrians are aware of their presence unlike at the present time where they are ridden in stealth mode. My greatest concern is that the enforcement response may end up being like the Queensland Police 'dial a hoon' response. I'll stand corrected but I suspect little is done by Queensland Police to follow up information relating to persons identified by the community as demonstrating hoon behaviour. Why I raised this is that this rampant ebike situation has unleashed every hoon and want to be hoon upon the poor community and created a mentality that the irresponsible riders can do whatever the hell they want. Unless this is addressed with a serious and uncompromising show of force there will be another whole generation of hoon drivers who disrespect the road rules and fail to adhere to community expectations because they have never faced any consequences for their dangerous and irresponsible behaviour that you as a Government have aided and abetted.