

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I am regular bike rider and road user in the Noosaville area, that has experienced significant interaction with ebikes. The current explosion of high powered fat boy type ebikes being used by young unlicensed riders has been an issue on our roads for pathways for sometime. It is not unusual to see kids riding these bikes at 45 klms per hour, with no regard for road rules or other road users. Often there are often 2 kids on these bikes, often with 1 not wearing a helmet. These type of bikes should be outlawed. There is no practical way for the police to enforce your speed laws, which state that no ebike should travel at more than 24 klms per hour. Why are these high powered ebikes allowed to be sold in their current state which only encourages young uneducated, untrained riders to break your road safety laws? These laws are supposedly in place to protect all road users, currently they are a joke! Outlaw the sale of any ebike that can exceed your speed limit. Introduce laws so that any existing ebikes that have that high powered capability have to be modified to restrict the speed at which they can travel. Don't side step this because it is too hard! If you as our elected representatives don't address this growing State wide problem, any serious injuries or deaths associated with road accidents involving these type of bikes will be your fault. This enquiry is an opportunity to address an unforeseen problem that is only going to become a larger problem. Unlicensed, uneducated, untrained riders on high powered ebikes is completely unacceptable. Every other road user operating at these type of speeds has to be licenced with vehicle registered. There should be no exceptions. Please do something about this issue.