

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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E-bikes without pedals are motorcycles and are currently operating illegally on roads and footpaths without any deterrent. This law is being flouted more often than followed by most users. Many e-bike (pedals) users are under age and do not follow the current laws which are also not enforced to ensure pedestrian safety. Most e-bikes can achieve speeds of cars and motorbikes. It is disappointingly naive to believe e-bikes are not being modified to reach faster speed than the government regulations. There is no requirement for registration insurance and licensing which should be immediately rectified. The government has dropped the ball on this ever increasing issue in the name of environmental friendly transportation. However, the current laws are not being enforced and are insufficient to ensure safety of the pedestrians and other road users alike. Scooters also have the same issues of speed and danger to the public. The public expect the government to regulate all of these forms of transport and not to allow the situation to deteriorate even further threatening the public safety. Everyone who walks, rides or drives have seen very poor examples of e-bike rider behaviour on a daily basis. The only way forward is stricter enforcement of current laws and to require registration, insurance and licensing going forward.