

## **Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland**

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# Submission re E-Bikes and E-Scooters

Submission:

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1. **In Queensland, a boating licence** is required to operate most boats and personal watercraft (PWCs). A marine licence is needed if the boat has an engine power greater than 4.5kW. To operate a PWC, you need both a recreational marine licence and a personal watercraft licence
2. **Recreational Pilot Licence (RPL):**  
You must be a minimum of 16 years of age to hold an RPL.  
You need to pass a Recreational Pilot Licence theory examination.
3. **What do I need to get a QLD driver's license?**  
*To get yours in Queensland, you need to:*  
Be at least 16 years old.  
Pass the road rules test, which covers essential road safety and driving knowledge.  
Provide sufficient identification documents, such as your birth certificate, passport, or proof of residency.

## HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW (QUEENSLAND) - SECT 8

**"bicycle path"** means an area open to the public that is designated for, or has as 1 of its main uses, use by riders of **bicycles**. **"footpath"** means an area open to the public that is designated for, or has as 1 of its main uses, use by **pedestrians**.

In Queensland, you have combined 2 uses into 1 which is conflicting and may lead to a legal stoush. Footpath by definition means "by foot", just like a pedestrian crossing, "by foot".

Having read and researched as to the Queensland Web Pages re E-Bikes & E-Scooters, I have come to the conclusion that the Governments Laws are themselves conflicting and appear out of date. Personal Mobility E-Scooters were, it seems put in place for people with mobile health problems.

In todays modern world, it has become a normal mode of travel for one and all, regardless of your age, gender or how fast you travel, either on the road or pathway.

Many of these E-Devices have had their speed de-regulated and the 25kph is being well exceed in some cases, 40 to 60kph.

As to the age restrictions, almost impossible to enforce, considering in some cases, 6 and 7 year olds are riding mini e-bikes in general surburbia without parental control.

I personally feel the only way to combat the problem is to register all E-Bikes & E-Scooters and monitor the import and sales of these bikes and have all riders carry a licence to show they are adapt to handeling their vehicle

If a rider has an accident, they are not covered by motor vehicle registration and insurance as is required for the general road users, eg. Motor vehicles and Motor Bikes, but get away with blatant disregard for traffic lights and road rules.

In closing, I tend to think this submission will just be a carousel unless better education and monitoring by a system is put in place.

### **An afterthought to ponder with:**

If the above is not duly considered, maybe, just maybe, let the e-bikers and e-scooterers, regardless of age, drive a car (no licence or road rules test); same scenerio.

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