

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Like everyone, I have seen outrageous behaviour by (primarily) high-school aged children riding irresponsibly on both Dipper Drive (a quiet cal de sac where my primary school aged children play on the street), and along Christine Avenue. This includes riding without helmets, riding illegal or modified e-bikes, wheelies, running red lights at pedestrian crossings when primary school aged children and younger are crossing. Contrary to probably a lot of submissions, I am fully supportive of e-bikes and e-scooters that are operated in accordance with the law. The primary issues are: there is a lack of control around the importation of electric motorbikes that should be road registered. Why is this the case? It is not like I can import an unregulated car and drive it around the streets, why are all levels of Government so far behind in regulating and restricting something that is not permitted by law (unless registered as a road vehicle)? Why do schools such as Miami High permit students to ride illegal e-bikes to school? Surely they have the authority to restrict vehicles driven onto school grounds Why are the penalties and enforcement so hopelessly inadequate? The fact that bad behaviour has been normalised with little to no consequences is a big driver in why things have got to the current level. I implore decision makers to regulate and enforce properly; e-bikes are a net positive for community, knee jerk overreactions will not fix the inaction that got us to this position.