


Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I would like to raise serious concerns about the increasing dangers posed by the use of e-scooters and e-bikes in the Gold Coast area, particularly in high-traffic zones and residential streets. While these modes of transport offer convenience and environmental benefits, their misuse—particularly by underage riders—has become a significant safety hazard for both riders and the wider community.

One of the most alarming issues is that many of these e-scooters and e-bikes are capable of travelling at speeds that often exceed the speed limit for cars in built-up areas. These vehicles are being ridden by individuals, many of them minors, who do not hold a driver's licence, and the vehicles themselves are typically unregistered and uninsured. This creates a dangerous and unregulated situation on our roads.

I have personally witnessed and narrowly avoided two separate collisions with e-bikes. In both cases, the riders were weaving through traffic unpredictably and failed to observe basic road safety rules. On multiple occasions, I have also seen groups of youths performing wheelies on e-bikes in the middle of traffic, completely ignoring traffic lights and signs. Their erratic movements put not only themselves at risk but also drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

It is deeply concerning that there appears to be little enforcement of existing road laws when it comes to e-scooter and e-bike use. Without registration, it is nearly impossible to hold riders accountable for reckless or illegal behaviour. As these vehicles become more common, the risk of serious injury or fatality continues to rise.

I urge local authorities to consider:

- Tighter regulation and enforcement regarding the use of e-scooters and e-bikes
- Clearer age and licensing requirements
- Mandatory registration and insurance for high-speed e-bikes
- Public safety campaigns to educate riders and drivers
- Increased police presence or monitoring in known high-risk areas

Action is urgently needed to protect the safety of both riders and other road users in our community.

Kind regards

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