

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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E-bikes and E-scooters that are used today are more than an electrically assisted form of transport., especially E-bikes. Both should be registered and insured and the user licensed, unless the motors on these devices have some form of restriction where they cannot go more than 10 -12km/ph. If these devices are travelling at more than 10 -12 km/ph, then they need to be for road use only. The E-bikes today have just as much power as small motor bikes yet are free to ride and wreak havoc on pedestrians and bicycle riders alike on various pathways. They are often ridden by inexperienced people, especially on the Gold Coast, where they are a danger to the public and themselves. When ridden on the road, as many do, the riders do not obey the road rules, such as running red lights, again, endangering licensed and registered road users, pedestrians and themselves. Horrific injuries and even death has resulted from their use, not only to the user but especially to innocent pedestrians and bicycle users.