

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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The state government needs to get serious about passing a bill to make registration legal on old e-bikes that are travelling over the limit of 25Kmph. These e-bikes are travelling over 60 km an hour with two passengers if not three at times these are school children leaving Miami high State School at 2:30 pm and often are three or four abreast on our local streets riding on their back wheels. They are not using their e-bikes to pedal but are travelling at more speeds and a moped or a motorbike with lower cc power that have to be registered and know the road rules. Unfortunately, the young children who are riding these bikes have no regard for road rules. I have nearly been taken out many times at roundabouts, stop signs and giveaway signs as they totally disregard. Any laws to these road rules. They have also used the speeds on our boardwalks endangering many young children, walkers and dogs. If one speaks to them they only turn around and give you some lip or a finger sign. I recently found four of them on e-bikes on our Burleigh Golf course late on a Sunday afternoon when spoken to they challenged us. If e-bikes travelling over the speed of 25 km can be registered this may cut down on some of the foolhardy acts that these young ones are blatantly disregarding all rules. Many of them are not wearing helmets and yet I believe this is legal as I have been cycling for the last 18 years around the coast myself and would not venture out without a helmet. Maybe it would be a good thing for them to watch children with injuries lying in hospital at their local school. There again the parents are not concerned that their children are riding without helmets. Maybe the parents need to be fined as well.. we just want to protect these children from serious injury and make them aware of what it is like to come off an Ebike at over 60 km an hour. Many a car has been damaged by e-bikes but of course the E bike rider does not carry Insurance so who pays for the damage to the car. It is a headache all around and needs to be addressed urgently now.