

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I would like to understand how people without a current drivers license are able to ride these e-bikes and scooters on public roads without insurance or registration. There are children with no road knowledge whatsoever riding bikes at decent speeds without any consequences. They are highly likely to be seriously injured or killed. They are often wearing no helmets and without lights or blinkers and often at night. If they smash into a car there is nothing the licensed driver can legally do. They cannot be identified, held accountable and the innocent driver gets penalised having to pay the excess and the ongoing increase in premiums for making a claim. There are adults riding these mobility devices substantial distances because they have had their licenses suspended due to speeding or DUI who are now riding to work on main roads at high speeds without any consequences. We should have a system where the devices are registered, license plates and insurance (both CTP and minimum 3rd party). The parents of children riding without a drivers license should incur points and fines which would deter these kids from riding these until they have completed their 100hrs in a car and have knowledge of road rules and regulations. Alternatively children caught riding without a licence should have the mobility device impounded and the parents have to pay a decent amount to get it back or they are kept, resold or disposed of.