

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I ride an E-bike but it only has battery assistance for hills etc. If I don't pedal I don't go. It will not provide assistance at speeds above 25kmh. I am concerned about the proliferation of electric scooters and bikes that are capable of quite high speeds having regularly seen them keeping up with cars travelling at 60kmh and in some cases overtaking. They have little regard for other road users, pedestrians or the road rules and often the riders are wearing no protective equipment or clothing. Presumably they are also unregistered with no insurances so what happens if they have an accident. I dread what will happen to the driver who accidentally hits one of them and they will have to prove their innocence. There seems to be little enthusiasm by authorities to pursue them and I have heard one police officer comment that they don't do this in case the rider has an accident and sustains serious injuries for which the police will be held responsible. The scooters and bikes should not be sold if they can go above 25kmh unless they have all the equipment to allow them to be registered like motor bikes and if they happened to be caught doing above this speed when unregistered then the scooter or bike should be confiscated. However no changes in rules will be effective unless a serious effort is made to police them which doesn't seem to happen now.