

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Just before Easter my son was turning into his driveway when a 13 year old smashed into his vehicle. Dashcam footage, a Forensic examination and an official Police Report verify that the underage rider was travelling on the stree against the flow of traffic at a speed of approximately 60km/h upon impact. He was airlifted from Hervey Bay to Brisbane as a precaution and is now back in the community. We have tried every avenue in an attempt to respectfully speak to the boys father to ask for some form of damage to our vehicle (which totals over \$4,000) and for them to address the incorrect stories around town about who was at fault. Our messages, phone calls etc have been totally ignored, blocked and remain unanswered. My sons work ute is still not back on the road and he has to use his mother's car as a result of the incident in which he was not at fault. There is rarely any consideration given to the innocent drivers or their families in these cases. My son is still suffering trauma as is his pregnant wife and six year old daughter who was also at the scene. They are now selling their home because they are unable to come to terms with what happened just meters from their front door. Every time they enter or exit their driveway, the graphic memories of the incident are there. This was absolutely no fault on their part. They live with it daily and there is no obligation for the rider or his family to take any responsibility. The boys Facebook profile features a photo of him wheelstanding an E-Scooter on a suburban street. His father, siblings and step mother have all shared 'likes' on the photo. Innocent people going about their everyday lives cannot continue to be treated like this. This is not a rare event... the Government must make changes to the laws to protect against this problem only increasing. It's time to make the requirement that ALL motorised vehicles operated in public be registered and the operator's licensed.