

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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As a resident of Noosa Shire i write to you on the growing problem of e bikes in and around our area. These e bikes are being ridden in all areas without any concern for other pedestrians and road users. I have witnessed e bikes motoring down Gympie Terrace on and off the footpaths and on to the road ways at speed well above the posted speed limits of the road which is 40 kilometres per hour. Now that sort of speed on a foot path with pedestrians walking is nothing short of dangerous. I have witnessed kids on these e bikes riding with multi passengers and with no safety gear. I have witnessed these same e bikes doing wheelies on public roads at speed , well above signed posted speeds. These e bikes are being ridden by quite young riders which i believe are sposed to be at least 16 years of age and they are not. These riders have no insurance and no way of being identified which leaves a potential victim of an accident no way of identifying the rider or the bike. From my observations there is virtually no idea of the road rules and a disregard for others. The speed which these e bikes are being ridden is in motor scooter levels which you have to have a license and the scooter has to be registered. I propose that they be banned immediately till a system of licensing and e bike registration be implemented. The city of Singapore has banned them already. And thats what we should do. They are dangerous and being ridden in a dangerous manner . Yours Sincerely

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