

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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2. Safety issues associated with e-mobility use, including increasing crashes, injuries, fatalities, and community concerns; 1: These bikes are used largely by young people who do not seem to be aware of their responsibilities. This is not a judgement on them but something relative to their age and experience. They're too young to operate something like an e-bike. E-bikes are silent and when they're coming from behind you on the footpath you cannot hear them. At the speed they're going they're right next to you suddenly. If you happened to turn or step sideways a little they would collide with you, I'm 73, the consequences for me are of great concern. I live by the high school. When school is out there are so many of them riding up the road on the wrong side cars often cannot continue driving and must edge around them. They seem to be unaware of others around them. I feel that if you need a license to drive on the road and you can't have a licence until your 16 years of age (obviously again related to responsibility and understanding what they're involved in) then maybe they shouldn't be able to operate an e-bike under the age of 16. Ultimately I think these are adult vehicles and should be restricted to operating on the road, not on footpaths, and subject to the same rules as other vehicles. These are nothing like bicycles which have been allowed to operate on footpaths. This is the classic situation of immature people having access to something they don't fully understand or know how to operate in a safe manner.