

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Along with others, I have growing concerns about the use of e-bikes and e-scooters and believe that both state and federal governments have failed to effectively legislate their use before they have created issues. Laws surrounding speed limiting are not effective as it is common to see e-bikes doing well over their limit, or over the speed limit. Identification of those riding the bikes is almost impossible as there is no mode of identification, such as number plates on the bikes/scooters as there is for mobility scooters. There is no training or licencing system meaning there are too many inexperienced riders. The lack of a rego system also means there is a lack of money generated into creating facilities for them such as dedicated lanes. The scariest thing is age limits are rarely enforced as I often see kids much younger than 16 riding them at dangerous speeds. All these issues are compounded by the fact they're being used by kids as getaway vehicles for those committing crime. I suggest a licencing and registration system, age limits and effective speed limiters that cannot be removed. Cameras can be used for catching those that are riding illegally and send them a fine. Parents would be less willing to let their kids off on one if they were coping fines every other day.