

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Ebikes are quite a good way to get around, and will most likely be here to stay. There are already laws in place, however there are differences between different E modes, bikes, scooters, skate boards, these should be aligned to make understanding of the laws easier, google on line can give different answers to basic questions between police sites and transport sites. Ebikes\ scooters should be allowed to travel at 40kms\hr as this can be less than a standard pedal bicycle 200w increased but still maximum of 40klm\hr, most can be programmed for this 20klm\hr limits on shared pathways, less in high pedestrian areas. minimum age set for bikes and scooters. basic safety items, 2 effective brakes, warning device, helmet , lights at night. Helmet requirement exempted under 20 klms\hr for adults. An online safety\knowledge course for anyone that doesn't have a current drivers licence , this course would outline general road rules, safety, responsibly, consequences and fines, minors will need a parent or guardian to have a part in this course, so they also know what their children need to do to comply. This course could be available to standard bicycle riders as well. The course should be free, licenses and rego would add huge costs without much real benefit, and not something I would like to see. (this may be out of the terms of reference) and can be redacted. Elderly mobility scooters are also part of this equation, they should be allowed up to 15 klms\hr, many owners of these scooters would prefer a little extra speed as they sometimes can't cross intersections fast enough, obviously less in high pedestrian areas, most of these have a 2 speed button , which drops them down to 5klm\hr for shopping centers. As a footnote I am 65 years old, hold car, motorcycle, boat and jet ski licenses, and I was the first to hire out 50cc Mopeds in Qld(probably Australia) in 1982 when laws changed to allow car licenses to ride them, and there were issues and problems with riders breaking laws, including news reports on how so many were going to die. This Ebike issue seems to be heading the same way and simple solutions are needed.