

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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It can be said that there has been an increase in physical injuries and house fires due to the increased purchases of E-Bikes and E-Scooters and a lack of safety measures applied when storing these items during charging. I believe these devices should be treated like water vessels i.e. if the e-bike or e-scooter goes over a prescribed speed limit set by TMR then the user must obtain a licence or permit. If the e-bike has an electronic speed governor set to a prescribed speed limit deemed acceptable by TMR then no licence is required. If Authorities are to inspect any e-bikes or e-scooters, they are to ensure the speed limiters/governors have not been tampered or removed.

The sales of any e-bikes and e-scooters that would require licences or permits should only be sold after the vendor has sighted & documented the buyers licence or permit into a register. The safety concern around charging of the battery cells has been identified by Fire & Rescue investigators in multiple States after noticing the surge of residential fires. There is a lack of accountability on who allows these products to enter into Australia when most products aren't meeting the minimum Australian and New Zealand standards.