

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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There is evidence of E Scooter and Electric bikes are getting out of control in this suburb. Very young children, are on electric bikes. Yesterday we saw a child probably 4YO travelling at approx 15-20km/hr on a footpath and loose control. Teens are speeding faster than cars in 50km/hr zone. They have bikes powerful enough to do wheel stands. Many do not wear helmets and do not obey footpath rules or road rules. And our whole community here do not know what the regulations are. Pedestrians , especially more elderly, have been hit on our footpaths. They are mostly silent and there is no warning when they pass from behind. On the roads the riders duck in and out of traffic and are hard to see. My family suggest the following:1. Any motorised vehicle that can travel, self propelled at over 20km/hr should be registered. incl ebikes and eScooters: The same as a car or motorbike. Maybe a new Category which also includes and insurance premium.2. The rider of any motorised ebike or scooter that can travel over 20km/hr should be licensed and subject to the same rule and fines as normal motorists.3. Maximum speed on footpaths should be limited to max 10km/hr4. A person must be at least 13yo to operate any mechanized or ebike/scooter. 5. Special Police patrols in the suburbs.5. Police given the power seize scooter/bikes for serious breaches of safety.6. All riders must wear at least a helmet.7. Parents held responsible for any illegal under age 13 usage or breach of rules by any child under 16 yo.While we acknowledge that proper use is an efficient transport alternative we just don't understand the lack of licensing or regulations or safety enforcements. It's not just the riders safety at risk it is also pedestrians and motorists.