

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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As a healthcare professional I am deeply concerned to see so many primary school aged children riding 'piggyback', frequently 2-3 children, on a single electric bike and also doubling up on E-scooters and not always on a pavement but directly alongside traffic lanes. The lead rider may be wearing a helmet but the 'passengers' are not and many times they are barefooted as well. Also, I have witnessed several incidents of school children doing 'wheelies' in the traffic lanes of major roadways eg. along Scottsdale Avenue in Varsity Lakes/Robina, including during peak traffic hours.

Suggestions: Is there a way to raise both user and parental awareness of these safety issues and the tragic consequences of misuse of E Bikes and Scooters? Perhaps through the schools? Children generally feel invincible but they are also capable of good judgement when given good information.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to a fruitful discussion and some substantive action on the issues.