

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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The implementation of e-scooters and e-bikes needs reconsideration to cover the areas of registration, insurance, speed limitation, age restriction, where they can and can't be ridden, and fines / legal liability when any breaches of applicable rules occur at / or accidents occur. At the moment these devices are not required to be registered, they are not required to have public liability insurance, the laws do not adequately define where and when they can be ridden, do not adequately define maximum speeds in each allowable area, and do not adequately define fines and other legal penalties applicable in various circumstances. Many of these devices are sold with speed limitations, however very basic changers can see these speeds easily increased to 60km/hr. Footpaths designed for walking and in some cases bicycling are now turned to roads in essence, with these unregistered, uninsured quasi motor bikes been ridden by primary school age children, adolescents and adults at speeds up to 60km/hr. When accidents occur, completely innocent victims have zero recourse to liability insurance coverage for personal injury or property damage. Citizens rely on government to implement laws, rules and regulations to properly manage such things. Urgent significant changes are needed. Thankyou for your consideration and action on these serious matters.