

## Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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### Submitter Comments:

As an E-Bike owner, we have an E-Bike each, my wife and myself, and have just recently purchased another larger off-road capable E-Bike to use when travelling around Australia. We were attracted to the E-bikes as a mode of transport over buying a motor scooter as the registration and insurance on the registerable mode of transport is very prohibitive in all Australian states and territory. The E-bike is buy and ride, just like a normal pushbike, and i would like to see it remain so. We usually only ride on footpaths ( with our helmets on our heads, not hanging from the handlebars.) as per normal recreational pushbike riding, and as we have done for years. Although these new E-bikes can travel up to 25klm/hr ( normal pushbikes can also and sometimes a little faster ) we find that when approaching pedestrians on the path, one dingle on the bell is usually sufficient to allow for a safe passing manoeuvre without too much trouble. As there is talk of registration and insurance ( once again a "Big Brother" move as someone is going to make a lot of money out of it somewhere down the line and are not happy with seeing lots of unregistered E-Bikes getting around and not being able to line their pockets with cash !! ) i am not too happy with that happening. I can see that there is a problem with teenagers, some not even teenagers yet, riding some overpowered E-Bikes and making a nuisance of themselves, but to crucify the whole community over a few bad eggs is not the road we should be going down. There are police enough around that are aware of these young people ( kids really ) and just visiting their homes would usually be enough deterrent or in unusual circumstances the confiscation of the machine and the locking of the speed to the legal 25klm/hr may be all that is needed. Otherwise, yes, if they are been ridden on the road at higher speed, sometimes as fast or not faster that a normal "Vespa" or the like scooter, then yes these may need to be looked as as an Electric Motorbike and have an age restriction and licence and registration and insurance involved in the owning of one. There has been talk for years of the registration of Pushbikes and its all a pipe dream and would only be a headache to administer so hopefully any talk of registering ( that is paying by the owner to register an E-Bike and then having to insure it !! ) is also a pipe dream thought up by individuals who have never owned and never experienced the freedom of a pushbike and are just trying to further themselves in the community as "The Good Guys "