


Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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E-machines (e-bikes, e-skateboards, e-scooters) need: more education around acceptable usage; the laws need to keep up with the technology; more enforcement of the laws; seizure and removal of illegal bikes and scooters from sale, the roads and pathways; registration of road user and machine if driven on the road to assist with education and compliance; make parents of under the age of responsibility users of e-machines accountable and responsible for their actions; and if need be, adult time for adult crime.

Too often e-machines are being sold with the easy capability of turning them into illegal machines creating a dangerous mix of speed and irresponsible use.

For example [REDACTED] e-bike advertised as having a top speed of 50km/hour unlocked [REDACTED]

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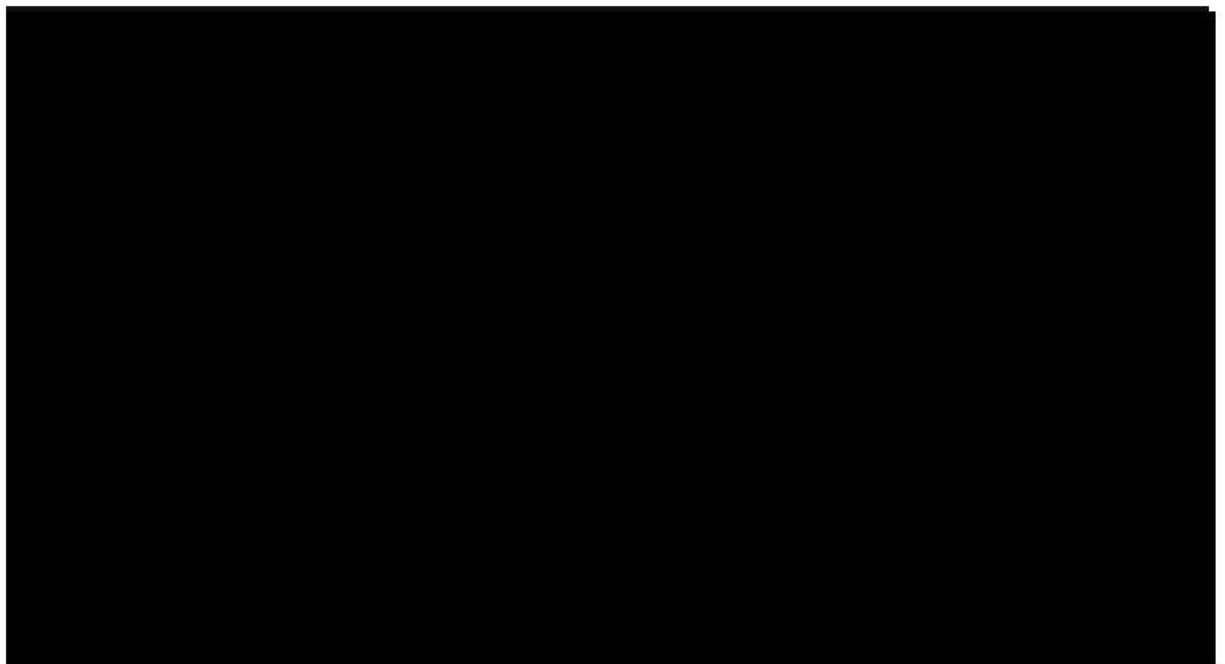
This e-bike can be easily unlocked with numerous youtube videos showing you how, which makes the bike non-compliant with laws or usage unless it has been registered.

Another example is a [REDACTED] E-Scooter from [REDACTED]
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This e-scooter has a top speed of 70km/hour with plenty of modification abilities via youtube videos



This e-skateboards has a top speed of 50km/hour
[REDACTED]



Time and time again I witness near misses where children do not follow road rules and put other users of pathways and roads at risk. With the ability of easily getting around the speed limiters, the e-machines are more like a motorcycle than a bicycle.

The area I live in, the Noosa Council seem to have a relaxed attitude towards managing e-machines usage and are more concerned with being seen as the “Fun Police” along with not wanting to upset the tourist industry but are neglecting the rest of the rate payers at their expense. Because of the relaxed attitude of the council, we now have registered mopeds and motorcycles utilising walking paths as if they are roadways as well. When contacting the council regarding these types of issues they either ask for a photo or video footage of the incident, which does not make sense as you are not walking around with your camera out waiting for an incident to occur; or they refer you to the police and don’t take any ownership of the problem such as putting in traffic restriction devices to stop illegal use of walkways. Police resourcing in our area are stretched so is viewed as a low priority and the police station is only available in our area between Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm.

I am surprised we have not had more fatalities.

E-machines are a great way to get around if used responsibly. I’m all for getting cars off the roads and having cleaner environment but not at the expense of someone’s life.