

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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•Insufficient education regarding the legal use of e-vehicles is frequently observed to purchasers, with retailers often refraining from discussing laws to prevent losing sales. •Children as young as seven years of age are riding these vehicles unsupervised, often without helmets and occasionally carrying one or two passengers. •Certain scooters and bikes are capable of reaching speeds up to 90 kilometers per hour, and restrictions on speed can be easily overridden through information provided by retailers or available online. •Unsafe practices include children using mobile phones while riding, performing stunts such as wheelies on busy roads, and disregarding road traffic laws. •E-vehicles are used unlawfully on footpaths and roadways, with riders transitioning between these to bypass traffic signals or completely ignoring traffic controls. •Law enforcement struggles to pursue these vehicles due to their ability to access restricted areas and the lack of identification features, which could pose further challenges in incidents involving criminal activity. •The absence of licensing and insurance for riders raises significant concerns regarding accountability in accidents, particularly in scenarios where injury, property damage, or fatalities occur. Questions regarding insurance coverage for victims or property owners remain unresolved if the e-vehicle leaves the scene of the incident.