

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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The following submission is based on personal and observed experiences and I am confident will be repeated by many other citizens. E bikes and scooters are mainly owned and ridden by minors and often dangerously and at speed. we have had a number of near misses of injury whilst walking along a public footpath. There is often no warning of approach and as they are silent a sudden surprise when being overtaken. Walkways and footpaths are already crowded with a growing population, dogs being walked and push bikes. Electronic vehicles have now made them dangerous. Driving out of our driveway which is on a corner has already results in one collision with an ebike due to its silence and speed. I have observed dangerous driving on roadways and public walkways with standup elevation of bikes and driven at speed (often much faster than they are supposed), being driven on footpaths even when designated signs prohibiting. Universally riders are not wearing helmets and often disrespectful of rules and others using the same pathways , especially the elderly at risk of falls and injury. It appears Government has underestimated their popularity , update and risks associated with use and behavior of users. I appeal to government to develop legislation and enforcement by police and schools of the following: speeding , absence of helmets and negligence behavior. Fines need. to be issues and e bikes and scooters confiscated for repeat offenders (with an additional fine to release the vehicle). Ongoing offenders (3 strikes - should have vehicle permanently confiscated buy the state and sold privately). registration of bikes and plates demonstrated so that offenders can be identified. The growing injuries (and deaths) to pedestrians and riders necessitates urgent action to prevent further casualties .thank you for formulating such- Dr gary Franks GP