

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Im writing as I am concerned about the evident danger of E bikes and E scooters on public walkways and pavements but also on the roads. I have had so many near misses with a person on the E bike even shouting 'MOVE!' to me and my friends who were talking on the pavement - as he was doing 40km. Also where I live there are council signs signalling that E Bikes and E Scooters not use certain walkways etc around the beach front where small children and aging adults are using. But there seems to be no enforcement of the rules and therefore the public have to caution those who are disobeying the rules as they are in danger of physical harm! This can also bring more distress and even harm if the offender has any sort of weapon or becomes angry! This should not be left up to the public. I would like to know why there are no need for licences when these are being ridden on public footpaths and walkways at 40km per hour. Whose insurance pays for the medical damages if an accident occurs. (and we have seen many of these)Also if an E Bike or Scooter crash into a car coming out of a driveway or on the road - who will pay for damages to the car? So many young people have lost their lives because there are no rules to keep them safe. Rules keep young people accountable and I know they think this is a joke. They can do whatever they like and they know that there is no laws to enforce! What about some consequences - confiscation of their bike and they have to pay \$100 to get it back. I think the penalties need to help young people think about disobeying the law again. As a mentor of young people - please think about the future of this next generation. If you want to teach them something - teach them that they need to obey authority. I'm sure the parents would thank you!!