

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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General principles Electric bikes and electric scooters must be treated in the same way as the equivalent petrol-, gas- and diesel-powered vehicles. Electric wheelchairs should also be included to the greatest extent feasible. Electric powered cars and trucks are already treated in the same way. A key limiting principle to this should be that vehicles which cannot exceed 6 kmh (walking pace) are excluded. Any removal or tampering with restrictions on speed should have severe penalties. All legal requirements and charges for the testing and licencing of drivers or riders should be the same as for non-electric vehicles. Similarly, all requirements for the registration and 3rd party insurance of electric powered vehicles should be the same as for non-electric vehicles. Electric powered vehicles should be restricted to being used on public roads as a general rule. They should be specifically restricted from the use of pedestrian paths and public open spaces owing to the dangers to pedestrians. Council and other essential service vehicles should be exempt from these rules subject to maintaining a 6kmh limit and a duty of extreme care regarding pedestrians.