

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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There shouldn't be any difference in the laws governing electric engine powered vehicles (PMD) and internal combustion engine powered vehicles that are used on public roads and are capable of speeds greater than 20 km/hr in reference to: licence to operate age to operate (18years) registration and third party insurance of vehicle (PMD) obeying road rules consequences for not following the above (fines, loss of licence, remove and impound vehicle from the user plus a >\$500 retrieval fee) where they are not allowed to operate eg on footpaths, in parks, beaches Identification plates are necessary on electric powered vehicles (PMDs) to allow police to enforce the laws governing the operators of these vehicles (PMDs). For safety, all electric vehicles (PMDs) should emit a sound while moving, loud enough to be heard, so pedestrians and other road users are alerted to their presence. Public awareness of the rules and laws governing these vehicles (PMDs) is necessary for the whole community. Retailers must be accountable for the sale of these vehicles (PMDs) to unlicensed and underage purchasers. There should be consumer protection to ensure that the vehicles are safe to use eg road worthy certificates. Crime Issues: increase in teenage gangs using electric vehicles (PMDs) to create trouble in public places eg shopping centres thieves use of electric vehicles (PMDs) to stealthfully operate in neighbourhoods safety around schools where families have to try to avoid being hit by these vehicles (PMDs) Most operators are young, inexperienced and display very little education in road safety and road rules. Parents should be made accountable for any damages to persons and property, the child has caused through the improper use of these vehicles (PMDs). Environmental: Laws should include safe disposal of batteries by the owner/operator with consequences for illegal disposal. Due to the fire risk, landlords should be given 'the right of refusal' to not allow tenants to charge their PMDs on the premises.