

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I reiterate that at 77 years old and since I live very close to an area where there is a high concentration of e-bike/e-scooter users, I have had a number of encounters with largely non-helmet wearing (mostly younger) riders traveling at reckless speeds on the Currumbin/Tugun mixed-use boardwalk. This has attracted an aggressive response at times when I verbally address this behaviour. It is so surprising to me that there are not more serious accidents with fast-moving bikes/scooters weaving through walkers, dogs, strollers and children. One misstep or stumble could have very serious consequences and the idiot bravado of these showoffs ruins the enjoyment of this excellent infrastructure for the majority. Also it is not uncommon after school to see three teenagers on one e-bike, no helmets, passing a car in the local 30kph zone at Tugun. All this is compounded by family groups with adults modelling this behaviour to their offspring.