

## **Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland**

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Dear Sir

I am writing to you to advise you of my concerns regarding the use of E Powered vehicles [Skateboards and Scooters] by the youth and adults on the roads in recent times.

I have briefly read the information contained within the Queensland Government Web site and now have a more factual basis to express my views and concerns.

1. E Vehicles can only be operated by people over the age of 16 or over 12 if under the direct supervision of an adult.

As I live near a Primary School [Sippy Downs State Primary School on the Sunshine coast] I see this being constantly violated by students from this school. Also, travelling all around the state of Queensland has observed that this is not in isolation.

2. All persons using a E Powered vehicle [Skateboards and Scooters] must wear approved head wear.

Again, there is an open disdain for this and when I had advised any of these riders, I have received advice that an operator of any of these vehicles does not in fact need a safety helmet device at all. Could I suggest that the fine for such an infringement be in line with the laws around not wearing a Motorcycle helmet or failing to wear a seat belt. Also, a points system be implemented to impede the person's progress to a Vehicle License in the future.

A failure to wear the appropriate device in recent years by these people has increased Cranial injuries in Queensland alone by 300%. This has added greatly to the injuries in the already overworked Hospital system which is **taxpayer funded**. It appears to me that the taxpayer is funding the injuries of these people who **blatantly refuse** to follow the law and be conscious of the risks they are taking by not following the law.

3. Speed limits and the use of established road rules are complied with.

Again, I regularly see these users riding double and making up their own road rules and speeds. These users appear to think they are indestructible therefore the fault will not be theirs when an injury occurs.

I ask you please can there be enforcement of **LAW** on these individuals to reduce the risk of injury/death.

Yours sincerely

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