

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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The potential of e-bikes is great, however often the implementation of supporting and appropriate legislation is behind new innovations. Being a regular dog walker around Coolumb, I have seen a dramatic change in safety for pedestrians with the advent of e-bikes sharing the same spaces. There has also become an anti-social element with the youth using these e-bikes. I feel like there are no-go zones such as Jack Morgan Park and near surrounds as well as near MacDonalds. People (including elderly citizens) have been bullied and harassed by e-bike riders on the boardwalk. Bikes of any sort should not be on the boardwalk as it's a narrow width. I think e-bikes should be identifiable via a registration, then those behaving irresponsibly can be dealt with, even by having the e-bike confiscated. I guess parents will just register in their name, but if they are fined or the bikes are impounded, then it might enforce parents to take responsibility for their children. If an elderly person on a slow moving mobility scooter needs to be registered why shouldn't the e-bike which travels much faster. An e-bike is like a motorbike, so why are they exempt from drivers having licenses and appropriate age limits? They are a great idea if they are regulated properly to ensure compliance with other road and footpath users safety and welfare. Riders who can't comply should have their bikes impounded.