

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I previously made a submission to the inquiry in regard to eMobility, and I'm pleased to see further focus on this important area. One further aspect I'd like to highlight came to me after listening to a mother who's teenage son who was using an eScooter that they's bought for him and had a serious life threatening and sadly life changing accident. She was unaware of the laws regarding their use. My suggestion would be to make parents (or anyone who purchases an illegal bike for someone else legally liable for any incidents that arise from their use, in the same way that illegal guns are considered. The same should apply to anyone selling such a bike, with the onus on them to ensure any bike they sell is legal for use. Such liability should extend to the cost of life changing injuries that can be sustained by such use. I believe that implementation and extensive communication of such liability could have a dramatic effect on the entire market.