

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

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I see dangerous behaviour on e-bikes and e-scooters every day from under licence age, such as children looking no more than 13 years of age riding along with their knee on the seat and the front wheel of the bike up in the air, this has become a habit with many of the younger children. There is certainly no adult riding with them. Even children that look to be 15 or 16 are riding around my street bend on the wrong side of the road on their way home from school. Helmets may be worn or may not be in evidence. Groups of 6 to 10 e-bikers gather late in the afternoon, and tear around our local parks, ripping up parkland. There are plenty of people acting responsibly with the e-bikes and e-scooters, but it seems that many of our enthusiastic young are abusing the privilege and endangering their own well being as well as others. I myself, was almost knocked down when crossing a road in low light, and an e-scooter with no light, swooped around the corner on the wrong side of the road. If children under 16 need a parent with them, then there needs to be some policing of this rule, not just turning a blind eye. There are issues all over the Sunshine Coast and in most areas wherever the e-bikes and e-scooters are permitted to be driven by under 18 year olds. Perhaps licences are needed to be obtained for them, so the riders understand even the most basic of road rules. There are children who use them to ride to school who would otherwise rely on public transport. They are a great mode of transport for some, but the privilege needs not to be abused.