

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Benefits: Reduces the number of petrol burning vehicles on the roads. Gives older people more independence and in our experience an interest and way off getting out of the house and getting exercise. Riding our e-scooters through the winter helps keep us healthy. Can be wonderful family outings - seeing things one doesn't see from a car window. Safety Risks: Motor vehicle drivers - not all have consideration for scooters which are forced to use the cycle lane or roadway when there are no footpaths. Pedestrians on shared cycleways have NO consideration of scooter riders looking to share the pathway. Too many younger riders not wearing helmets. Too many riders failing to observe the speed limit. Roads and verges are not maintained by councils. Current Rules: I believe they are adequate, except the minimum age should be raised to that of a person who has a driver's license. Far too many riders have no regard for the road rules and appear to think they are invincible. Enforcement: The rules should be enforced more rigorously with parents of minors disobeying the rules being fined. I believe that if there were driving/riding lessons held at schools where the students were taught the road rules and their responsibilities when using the roads we could have a lot more safety. I know the RACQ have education officers. Those who break the rules could have their scooters/e-bike confiscated as punishment. E bikes and scooters should not be sold to anyone under the age of 16.