

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I work in a large high school and I have seen many students doing unbelievably dangerous things on their ebikes. From speeding, to riding 3 abreast, to doing wheelies in front of cars at speed.

Parents do not have any control over their children and do not seem to care the dangers that they are allowing them to get into on very busy roads full of traffic. This then is not fair on motorists who have to put up with this dangerous behaviour from underage and unlicensed riders on unregistered vehicles - often not wearing helmets or protective clothing. On footpaths, pathways and shared bikeways these vehicles are deadly - particularly for young children who might inadvertently step in front of one of these ebikes or scooters often doing speeds of over 50 kph with no regards for the safety of pedestrians. Ebikes and scooters should be banned from all school grounds for safety reasons. Parents get angry and abusive with school staff when their children are asked not to ride the ebike or scooter on school grounds. Helmets should be compulsory and this should be enforced by heavy fines. Parents should be made to pay if their child is found to be breaking the law. Rental scooters and ebikes should be banned altogether. At a minimum they should have specific return stations so that these vehicles are not left all over the place. I have seen scooters left in the middle of a main road. This should never be allowed and the rental companies should be made responsible for ensuring their vehicles are returned to a centralised place. I believe that ebikes and scooters should:

1. Be registered as a vehicle
2. Not be allowed on walkways or shared paths to protect pedestrians - as you often cant hear them coming
3. Only be used by licensed riders over the age of 16 years
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