

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

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The Redlands is blessed with a great network of recreational pathways. However as a pedestrian I feel unsafe after experiencing several near misses with e-riders using these mobility devices for joyrides in a reckless manner on footpaths. There is a total lack of compliance with e-rideable rules, particularly regards speeding and failing to give way to pedestrians. The majority of offenders are school age children and males in the 20-35 age. The latter commute to and from the Weinam Creek often carrying heavy, unbalanced loads. It is not uncommon to see a slab of beer precariously positioned across the standing board of an e-scooter in the vicinity of the ferry terminal. While adolescent boys often carry fishing rods which increase the risk of bodily injury to pedestrians.

During the school holidays these boys hang out in "gangs", and you walk these pathways at great risk. A significant number of these adolescents double-dink, do not wear helmets and power down a footpath or ride haphazardly on roads. Some of these e-bikes can keep up to speed with the car in front, or even pass a car travelling at the speed limit on the inside. There is real concern about the safety of the general public. These illegally modified devices are faster, larger & heavier than those being sold in retail outlets. Allowing motorised vehicles to share footpaths with pedestrians and even cars on the road is fundamentally unsafe. There is a major difference between e-rideables and traditional bicycles. Battery powered vehicles ridden at speed are always going to be high energy at impact and cause injury to the rider, or the unfortunate pedestrian who may be in their path. Riders are observed daily using mobile phones, not wearing helmets, piggy backing and are generally underage. Currently Qld's laws are meaningless as the laws are widely ignored, and compliance and enforcement is non-existent. From my experience and with very few exceptions I find that e-scooter riders are rude and arrogant, thinking they own the footpath and have the right away over pedestrians. They just don't seem to have a high level of manners and don't appear to understand footpath etiquette, or more to the point don't care. Penalties for modifying e-scooters/ bikes to increase the maximum speed should be enforced. Those that do not comply with government regulations and ridden by children under 16 at speed should be confiscated on the spot by law enforcement. Why? Because many of these children simply ignore warnings and repeat offend. On a finishing note there needs to be better urban planning to separate e-rideables and bikes, and demonstrated by the latest upgrade to Cleveland-Redland Bay Road between Anita St and Magnolia Parade.