

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I am a responsible motorcyclist who pays registration, insurance and also paid to get my license. By law I am required to wear a helmet as a minimum and after doing the course to get my licence understand the consequences of not wearing safety gear. To have a pillion passenger I had to hold my RE Motorcycle License for 12 months and also had to have zero alcohol limit. To carry a pillion passenger they must be over 10yrs of age. Now everyday I see children, adults riding illegal e-bikes on the road or path, with no helmets, parents with one of two toddlers as pillion passengers in the dark with no lights. We are the only state that allows children under 16 to ride them. I suggest as a minimum riders must have either there Car or Motorcycle Learners Permit. This will make them at least 16 and give them identification. It will also ensure that they have some idea about the road rules. Similar to hooning laws police should have the powers to cease illegal ebikes. Importers who import and sell illegal e-bikes should be held accountable. If they exceed the power ratings as per the law then they MUST be registered as a motorcycle because that what they are. Helmets must be worn like on a motorcycle. What would we do if people were tearing around the streets and paths on 2stroke unregistered dirt bikes without a licence or helmet? I have video footage of a young male on a high powered e-bike doing a wheely past the palm beach Police Station in front of a Surfside bus. Pillion passengers must be over 10yrs of age and you must have a motorcycle licence RE to carry one.Regards [REDACTED]