

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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We live on Gold Coast Highway. We walk daily down Jefferson Lane and the Gold Coast Highway. On Jefferson lane we are confronted daily by mainly e-bikes ridden at up to 55klms an hour. Most children are doubling and do not wear helmets. They will pass you close enough to knock you over and in general are speeding faster than the 30 klm limit for the cars. They do not slow down for any intersections and ride in the middle of the road in the wrong direction on Jefferson Lane. We also have single rider e-bikes wheel standing up the highway with speeds greater than 60 klms without helmets. At the Gold Coast very few children wear their helmets. We have repeatedly said to children speeding on Jefferson Lane to slow down. Most times they give us the finger. Our neighbour exited a bus at the bus stop on Gold Coast Highway. 4 e-bikes flew down the footpath and the last rider knocked her to the ground. He did not stop and rode off. The bus driver lodged a complaint to Council. Nothing was done. We do not know how you are going to be able to reduce the speed of the e-bikes and scooters as school children are able to speed faster than the 60klm limit and lower limits that cars must abide to, unless they wish to be fined. All without helmets. We have lived in Brisbane and the Gold Coast and the Gold Coast is the unrivalled winner for bad behaviour with e-bikes. We also have to put up with teenagers riding motorised or e-bikes along Palm beach sand. You cannot have dogs between the surf lifesaving flags, but we have to dodge teenagers speeding on the sand through people trying to swim. Their attitude towards others is disgraceful and they definitely need to have the bikes and scooters limited with the speed that they ride at. And fine ones without helmets.