

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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E-scooter Feedback I live in Coolumbach and these things are a real problem. I've been nearly run over 3 times by children on e-scooters and e-bikes. They ride directly at you speeding and I've had to jump out of the way and try to grab my little dog at the same time. They just laugh and think it's funny when you ask them to slow down. I've been overtaken by them when driving along David Low Way which is the main road. I've driven behind them doing wheelies worried they would fall off and I'd be blamed for running over someone. I live on a street which they use daily as a short cut to school. They break all the rules.... Doubling, tripling up, no helmets, earbuds in, driving straight through stop signs. They don't follow any road rules. They're unlicensed, untrained, unregistered, uninsured yet they use the roads like they own them! My mother is elderly and she had to get a mobility scooter. She had to have medical checks and a cognitive test conducted by an occupational therapist. We had to go to the Transport Department to get it registered and get her Licence updated. This is totally inequitable!!! These e-scooters and e-bikes should only be used by people who qualify for a Licence and they should not be on the road. Young people are being hurt but the vehicle drivers are being blamed! I backed out of my driveway recently, stopped checked both ways saw nothing next thing my car safety system kicked in and automatically brakes the car! Next thing a child on a scooter sped past doing at least 60kph, no helmets, on the wrong side of the road and I felt sick. This situation has to be stopped. Parents are allowing children free range on these vehicles and the public are suffering! Speed limiting doesn't work they all know how to bypass that. Parents aren't supervising so banning them for unlicensed people is the only way out. [REDACTED]