

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Good morning, My wife and I fully support E-Bikes and E-Scooters if used appropriately - their operation by an increasing number of users though is quickly becoming increasingly dangerous for both the user and the general public. We walk often recreationally and daily in my role as a meter reader and have seen and personally experienced a significant number of incidents involving dangerous/careless operation. We understand that curtailing this poor behaviour will be a challenge but offer the following suggestions for consideration.

1. Regulate the equipment available for sale to comply with legal maximum speed limits and safety - helmets, bells etc.
2. These are motorised vehicles and as such should be registered and used by licensed operators (could be limited to vehicles capable of faster speeds).
3. Surprise/undercover enforcement by authorities (for say 3-4 weeks) targetting areas of known poor behaviour.
4. Establish good lines of communication between the public and authorities to share details of poor behaviour.
5. Rigorous enforcement of legal speed limits and acceptable behaviour - immediate confiscation - no second chances - most are repeat offenders.
6. Clear education to parents/guardians of the expectations and obligations on E-Vehicle users, and penalties for non-compliance.

Thanks for the opportunity of making a submission - we hope some meaningful change comes out of the enquiry.