

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I walk almost every morning and afternoon on footpaths and public walkways and have become alarmed at the high speed traffic of electric scooters and electric bikes. On weekends the danger and traffic multiplies dramatically and this when parents are teaching their very young children to ride their small push bikes and it is alarming to see teenagers and adults passing these learners at high speed on electric bikes without any warning and consideration to the vulnerability of these kids. Children are erratic in their behavior when being instructed. On the balance of probability children will be killed and at least injured for life and if an elderly citizen is struck the outcome will be similar. The weight of the electric bikes with their heavy battery and rider up to 100KGS is significant and contributes to lifelong disability and death.....and if you are killed you are not going to suddenly stand up and say "only fooling" no you are really dead!!!!All e-bikes and scooters should be Registered to a person over 18 years of age and display a Registration Plate so that they will be covered by insurance and a rider can be identified and be held responsible for their actions. Registration will make the job of the Police easier.Speed limits and power limits must be enforced with penalties.Age limits for the riders is a must.....I have seen school children under 10 years old on electric bikes doing wheel stands on footpaths dodging around pedestrians.....alarming.Thank you for the opportunity to contribute.....every time that I walk I have to be aware of the silent threat that may be behind me.