

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I have concerns over the operation of e-bikes and scooters around the Gold Coast, it's taking on the appearance of another third world country with people of all ages misusing these machines, e.g. three people riding on bikes, travelling the opposite direction on roads, setting the bike on one wheel particularly while other traffic is around, moving into the traffic lanes on Bermuda St and Christine Ave as I'm sure is happening in many other places. The ability to purchase these machines and people of all ages riding them with no legal riding instruction as has to happen with a motor vehicle or motorbike and let us not forget the ability to re-gauge these machines and up the speed. Responsibility should not be put on the machine seller as this can be easily skirted around, the responsibility should be back to the machine operator irrespective of age, after all they are ones riding the vehicle. I would suggest registration be required of all machines and a plate displayed as is with mobility scooters in Queensland, also third party insurance should be considered as accidents could cause considerable damage to life and property, the use of people illegally riding without a helmet is done at their own risk bearing in mind it is a legal requirement in this State. Anyone sharing the use of Queensland roads should be subjected to the same rules as motor vehicle drivers and motorbike riders have to abide, police need to be given access to control the situation where applicable and confiscate the machine if caught misusing it.