


Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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E-Mobility Submission

My greatest concern about E-Mobility is the total disregard of the rules & regulations that govern them now. There is little policing of those that ride these vehicles either on the footpaths or the road, and that is not a criticism of the Police or Traffic Authorities.

I have personally had three near misses with E-bike riders:

- one at a 4 lane traffic light intersection when an E-bike rider flew across in front of two lanes of cars just as we both were accelerating with a right-hand green light change;
- one when turning left at a roundabout when an unseen E-bike rider (no helmet) flew up the inside bike lane just missing my car;
- one at traffic lights near a school where 3 E-bike riders (two doubling) ignored the red stop lights & flew through the intersection whilst I was accelerating from opposite side, not to mention breaking the 40kph speed limit.

The greatest problem is their speed ... they have passed me at over 60kph

The second major problem is that E-bikes & E-scooters are being used by extremely young riders

The majority of riders:

Speed

Don't wear helmets

Have multiple passengers – seeing 3 on an E-bike is not unusual

Disregard traffic lights & other traffic rules

Have no road rule understanding

Dump their rented vehicles where-ever they like

Have no insurance

I am a licenced, fully insured & registered car owner who utilises roads within the boundaries of the law so why is it that these E-bike & E-scooter users have been given free rein to use these same roads with unregistered, uninsured vehicles & with unlicenced riders totally disregarding road rules. Good luck chasing payment for damage to your vehicle if one of these riders hits you.

Bike lanes were never intended for this use & even registered motor bike riders can't use them the way E-bike riders are.

And the footpath is not the place either for these vehicles.

E-bikes & E-scooters could have been a very good answer to getting around the Gold Coast but unfortunately the majority abuse their use & there is only a minimal minority that use them as intended.