

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Like a lot of life, I hope legislators are able to strike a balance between laws to protect the public & users of these vehicles, and not being so restricted that the use of this equipment becomes unjustifiable, as I think if used properly, e-mobility equipment can be very useful to a many number of people as costs of travel increase with the costs of living. My concern is that same as most who have commented, there seem to be an increasing amount of vehicles which seems to be able to go far faster than what should be deemed safe on our roads, especially when the riders typically have very little in the way of safety gear, and the vehicles typically have no lights etc and are often being used at night on the main roads of the Sunshine Coast. If they collide with a car, truck or bus, it is likely that the e-mobility driver will come off worse from a physical perspective than the car driver, however the mental scars for the car driver may be far worse. I am glad the government is looking into this area and hope that a constructive path can be taken to still allow these vehicles to be used, but within boundaries that help to keep all safe. Policing these laws is going to be the tough part, especially when so many of the users of these vehicles are typically people without car licences so demerit points won't be an option from a penalty perspective, unless perhaps the demerit points system is still used with the higher the number of points meaning a longer delay in their ability to get a car licence? Hoping for some good common sense outcomes.