

## **Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland**

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As a local Currumbin resident living near a primary school and close to local high school I think there needs to be a greater police presence at arrival and finishing times around the schools. Fines need to be imposed on all breaking the existing rules, schools need to be addressing bike safety not just to students but parents as well.

Daily I see primary students riding e bikes unsupervised. High school students obviously under 16 also unsupervised who have no regard for their own safety or that of pedestrians of all ages and drivers of cars .

They ride fast, without helmets on the road, the footpaths , nature strips, in and out of cars that are travelling slower than the e bikes . They ride in large groups, with passengers , up the middle of Mitchell Ave , they do wheel stands , cars have to pull over to avoid them . Walking in this area is extremely dangerous . Young children walking have to quickly get out of their way , elderly people avoid these times. It is dangerous walking out of your driveway . You cannot hear them coming, they do not ring bells. They ride through red lights at corner of Mitchell and Durling streets.

I would like police to visit Palm Beach High School around 2.45 every afternoon and watch the swarm of children on e bikes risking lives .

In Mitchell Ave they ride through the crossing ignoring supervisor with Stop sign , they seem to have no knowledge or regard for basic road rules.

I want to know who pays when these bikes hit our cars causing damage. They do not have to give their details , parents , if they can be contacted , deny it is their child involved so car driver is out of pocket.

It is not just children riding the e bikes but adults too. Everywhere around the area is unsafe for pedestrians , the path around Currumbin and Tugun beach, walking tracks. It is very dangerous walking with young children around Flat Rock park, the path runs through the playground picnic area on one side and beach on the other . I recently had to grab a toddler out of the way of a middle aged male rider when child darted from the playground . If the riders travelled at a safe speed and showed some care in areas where young children play these situations could be avoided. It feels safer to walk on the roadside with the cars than near these bikes.

Recently saw on news that a school in NSW arranged for police to come out and inspect all the bikes on the premises and owners of bikes which were found to be illegal( most of them) were banned from riding them to school. Great idea .

Address safety by .... Enforce current laws around supervision , age limits, illegal bikes, fine parents

Educate riders on road rules.....you have to pass a test to drive on the road, this should apply to e bike riders too

Register and have compulsory insurance to protect rights of other road users