


Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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E-Scooter & Electric Bike Submission

Queenslanders, or specifically. SE Queenslanders using E-Scooters & Electric bikes are 'different' from users in all other states.

The following comments have been written by my daughter travelling interstate:

"What we have seen in other states is helmets being worn and no children riding (e-scooters). Qld, or at least the southeast, seem to treat these as toys. I'd like to see tough fines for both rider and parent/s. Underage, no helmet, modified etc"

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My wife & I live at Mooloolaba and regularly walk the shared pathways along the coast – down to Caloundra...

I refer to E-Scooters & E-Bikes as "Whispering Death" a name given to Allied WW11 Mosquito bombers who came and left before the death & destruction was seen.

E-scooters/bikes scare me at times – often travelling at speeds exceeding the road speed limits...and on footpaths and/or the roads. Coming up behind us without warning and passing at speed – often with two or three young people on them – all without helmets. I have seen many on roads passing cars – riders of all ages with and without helmets. Helmets will not save them if hit by a car!

- May we suggest Qld Transport find out how other states police them and consider how best we might manage them here. NO CHILDREN RIDING E-SCOOTERS!
- Banning public rentals is a start. (Bikes and Scooters).
However, the sheer convenience of this mode of local transport may outweigh general bans.
- Dedicated pathways is not economic.
- Fitting all scooters & bikes with warning bells may help.
- Banning their use on public roads with severe fines for riders & parents – plus, if riders are underage, banning them for a time period from using scooters. .
- Registration of all e-scooters & e-bikes. Plates & fees plus mandatory third party insurance.
- Laws for policing and civil courts to be clearly defined & enforced. Magistrates to be educated or re-educated!
- Kids should not be immune from penalties nor should parents.
- It should go without saying to introduce E-scooter/Bike rules & guidance into school programs – primary & secondary children.
- I do not think they should be readily available to anyone but should be restricted to people over the age of 16. Plus no extra pax as we see so often – two or three on a scooter and bike. None with helmets. I was young once and felt I was 'bullet proof' I learnt I was not!