

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Whilst there are current rules regarding e-scooters it appears a large number of riders ignore these rules and there is little enforcement of these rules. When I am driving in suburban and urban areas I see e-scooters with underage riders, 2 riders on board including an adult and 3 year old between their legs, a rider with a baby in a front pack. E-scooters are being ridden above the speed limit, at times faster than the other vehicles on the road. More than 50% of e-scooter riders do not wear helmets or wear them incorrectly or helmets are not suitable. E-scooters are ridden on footpaths and bike lanes at inappropriate speeds. There is no or inadequate policing of e-scooters. Whilst e-scooters may be cheap efficient transport they are not suitable for underage riders and young people who are inherently risk takers and boundary pushers. High school student age riders are a risk to pedestrians, and all other road users when they ride dangerously. My suggestions: Ban on software to increase speed of e-scooters
A license for e-scooter riders
Registration of e-scooters as other vehicles. They are motorised vehicles.
Limits to where e-scooters can travel
Enforcement of existing and new rules and laws for e-scooters.
Enforcement of speeds, Education of e-scooter purchases of their responsibilities to those who they allow to use the e-scooter and the community.