


Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Parliamentary Committee on E-scooter safety.

I wish to address the issue of broader safety as per one on the criteria.

I see many e scooters, in particular the popular black ones that resemble a small motorbike, they are often without lights and are much faster than 25kph.

But, I would like the committee to consider the broader safety issue of these e scooters mixing it on roads with increasingly bigger utility trucks.

I have attached pictures of one example in Bundall GC, a heavy ute with an enormous and dangerous, possibly illegal bullbar.

I think that the popularity of E-scooters is in many ways positive and definitely it is popular, inexpensive, low emissions, personal transport , and a favourite of young people.

It is important to address the broader safety issues of what these e-scooter riders are exposed to on the roads.

For an example, I am concerned about a Queensland registered vehicle nearby in Bundall on the Gold Coast.

I am concerned that this vehicle is a danger to pedestrians, cyclists and moped users. There are many young people on mopeds in Bundall/Sorrento and we are cyclists.

I have attached pictures. My concerns are: the height and width of the bullbar, that it is angled forward, has a large protruding mass low down, and that it obscures the headlights and indicators, that it is a heavy vehicle and that it is used in an urban area with high traffic volumes.

The vehicle's bullbar has an intimidating look, and I think can discourage road users such as E-scooter riders and cyclists.

Is this bullbar legal?

I don't think it complies with: 'forward ... members should be designed to reduce the risk of injury to any person who may come into contact with the bullbar'. Vehicle Standards Instruction, Minor Modifications Sept 2021.

I have attached pictures taken a few days ago.

This is a part of a whole-of-government approach as said by the Minister.

Thanks,



