

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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These unregistered, uninsured devices are being irresponsibly and often dangerously ridden by unlicensed individuals who blatantly and in full public view ignore the road rules and injure themselves and others in the process. Councils are getting a lot of money from the operators but the responsibility for enforcement is being foisted onto the QPS which is already overstretched. The devices are frequently abandoned on footpaths where they pose a pedestrian hazard, but Council's only response to such complaints is (and here I quote from a letter of 14th May 2025 from Councillor Ryan Murphy, Civic Cabinet Chair for Transport), "to contact the relevant operator directly either by scanning the QR code on the device which connects with their website, or via the below contact details ...". Putting this responsibility onto the community is an unacceptable cop-out on Council's part and needs to be addressed. My suggestion to the Lord Mayor that Council inspectors do the scanning and that Council fines the operators, was not well received. The other issue is speed management! The Coronation Drive bikeway (and others) is at times treated like a Velodrome and that has to change, either by installing speed-humps or by some other means. For community safety it is time riders were tested and licensed, all devices registered, and some serious enforcement put into place.