

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Submission: E-bike and E-scooter Safety Concerns
Introduction I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the increasing use of e-bikes and e-scooters and the associated safety risks to both riders and pedestrians. Recent incidents in our neighborhood have highlighted the urgent need for stricter regulations and safety measures to prevent accidents and injuries.

Specific Concerns

- 1. Injuries to Riders and Pedestrians:** There have been several accidents involving children riding e-bikes in our neighborhood. The potential for serious injury is significant, especially given the speed and maneuverability of these devices.
- 2. Pedestrian Safety on Bike Paths:** Many e-bikes and e-scooters travel at high speeds on neighborhood bike paths, posing a risk to pedestrians. I have personally witnessed numerous near misses between riders and pedestrians, creating a dangerous environment for those using these shared spaces.
- 3. Reckless Behavior:** I have observed teenagers performing dangerous stunts, such as wheelstands, on busy roads in the Redlands while riding e-bikes. This behavior not only endangers the riders themselves but also poses a significant risk to motorists and other road users.

Proposed Solutions

To address these safety concerns, I propose the following measures:

- 1. Speed Restrictions:** Limit the maximum speed of e-bikes and e-scooters to a walking pace, specifically under 20 km/h for riders under the age of 18 to ensure the safety of both riders and pedestrians.

Conclusion

The safety of our community is paramount. By implementing stricter regulations and safety measures, we can mitigate the risks associated with e-bikes and e-scooters and create a safer environment for everyone.