

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I make my submission as a road and path user -driving, walking and a keen cyclist. I am amazed that more accidents or deaths do not occur with this mode of transport. Used in an appropriate manner e scooters and e bikes represent an efficient method of transport in our modern society. Unfortunately, their use is now creating an unsafe environment for all other persons using the same path for similar transport needs. Many users have no regard to any form of road rule or individuals own safety. We need to understand that whether power comes from traditional methods [fuel] or are electric -they are still forms of powered transport and should be seen as the same. Hence all rules should still apply. If a driver of electric car offended as below comments - they would be fined or arrested. Issues and concerns/non compliances from my observations: 1- Not using of any form of helmet 2- Number of persons being transported -greater than one 3- Travelling at greater than speed limit 4- Underage use of machines 5- Passing in an unsafe mode on left- or right-hand side of vehicle being passed 6- Using phone while in control of scooter 7- Not obeying other road rules as applicable to other road users 8- The social issue of not giving any courtesy to other path or road users 9- Little recourse for reporting offenders to local government or the Traffic Branch. Issues to be addressed to improve this mode of transport and to provide a safe environment for all road and path users 1- Enforcement of existing use and road rules - I understand police resourcing is difficult 2- Consider a registration system for all e scooters and e motorbikes/bikes -showing a registration number 3- Enforce speed availability -eg max speed 4- Separate pathways for walkers and e scooters 5- Confiscation of bikes as a penalty as money is a cheap way out 6- Consider putting responsibility to the parents -adult time for adult crime? Hope my comments are seen in the light they are intended to make our roads and pathways safer. Particular concern I have, is for the older persons who use these mixed paths and their chance of not being hit or killed by these users.