

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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E-scooters are like small motorbikes and need to be treated like that: minimum age for riders minimum education for riders (theory of traffic rules) and issue of a licence that can be cancelled if the rider is not following the rules e-scooter to meet design and roadworthy requirements: - front & rear wheel brakes in working condition - tamper-proof speed limiter - specified minimum size of wheels (small wheels are more dangerous when encountering poor road surfaces) - specify a device to make the scooter audible for pedestrians (imitation engine noise or some other specific noise loud enough for pedestrians to hear them at about 10m) compulsory third party insurance for all e-scooters on public roads (it is totally unacceptable that a device that can seriously hurt people is allowed on public roads and walkways without insurance cover!) identification sticker/plate for each scooter (to identify and hold to account the riders)As a pedestrian in Brisbane and other cities, I am very apprehensive of the e-scooters buzzing around footpaths, on and off the road and many ignoring traffic lights as well. I have ridden motorcycles for many years and I'm well aware of my environment but the e-scooters without any sound are very scary.