

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I am a holder of a Queensland Drivers Licence and a constant 'safe' Queensland and interstate road user. Over the past several years I have increasingly become aware of the number of E Scooter traffic both on footpaths and more dangerously on roads. The most obvious is the speeds these scooters are travelling (I have had scooters pass my vehicle which has been travelling at posted road 60, 80 and even 100 kph speed), their total disregard in relation to road traffic direction versus their direction of travel, the wearing of helmets and other PPE along with carrying one or even two additional riders. Notwithstanding the lack of personal safety for the E Scooter operators and in numerous cases additional passengers, there is the constant issue of them unlicensed, uninsured and under-age E Scooter operators being a danger to pedestrians and legal road users. It seems both young and older E Scooters operators believe it's OK to modify scooters to allow greater than legal speeds, to operate the scooter at night on footpaths and roads without lights or warning devices and rely on their steering skills to weave through pedestrians, road traffic or when fronted with a red light to disregard the light/arrow and turn, without any warning, on the green pedestrian crossing at speed. I am aware of what restrictions are in place by law to operate E Scooter laws. UNFORTUNATELY these laws do not seem to have any relevance for the majority of Scooters Operators.