

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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It is really disheartening driving around and seeing kids on e-bikes that are clearly illegal. My son is 16 and has been trying to persuade me to get one as all his friends have them. All purchased conversion kits off eBay, these things can go over 70k an hour & one doesn't even have a chain on his bike. I have said he can have a legal e-bike but he said he won't be able to keep up with his friends so there's no point. I spoke to one of the other parents and there just seems to be no knowledge or understanding. They are happy their kids can get around and don't seem to realise they are illegal. What are the repercussions if a minor causes an accident where someone is injured? Can the parents be sued? Why are these bikes & scooters allowed at every school on the Gold Coast? They should be collected from schools every day as clearly they have been ridden there and not delivered on a trailer. They are breaking the law by not keeping them on private property, they should be confiscated & parents should have to attend the police station and be fined, show proof of purchase. What's the point of getting a license and paying registration and insurance just to have everyone allowed to ride these on the road whenever they want? I saw police try to pull up a young boy at Robina near the hospital roundabout, riding in amongst the cars. He shook his head and took off through the grass, by the time they turned around he was already going the other way. At least he was wearing a full face helmet but no rego, no way of identifying him. My 13 year old has friends with them, I feel like we are the only parents on the coast saying no.