

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

Submission No: 789
Submitted by: Joanne McDonald
Publication: Making the submission and your name public
Attachments: No attachment

Submitter Comments:

1. All e-bikes and e-scooters be registered to an adult (18 years and over). This then gives an avenue for recourse if bystanders or property is injured/damaged by riders. Parents of children riding these vehicles will then be responsible for ensuring they comply with the regulatory guides (25km speed limit) and the riders also understand safe riding practices. It is commonplace to see young teenagers doing wheel stands on footpaths whilst zooming past pedestrians or heading towards pedestrian groups. Some e-bikes are now the size of smaller motorbikes and can cause serious injury or damage when being ridden in an unsafe manner. 2. More dedicated bike paths/lanes need to be built so e-bikes and e-scooters can then be used as a viable transport solution. E-bikes and scooters, when ridden safely, are an excellent alternative to cars. You only have to look at cities such as Copenhagen and Amsterdam to see that correct infrastructure for bikes and scooters makes for safer and greener cities as well as the additional health benefits of exercise and fresh air. By having dedicated lanes it also separates pedestrians and riders.