

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I have two issues with the unrestrained use of e-scooters and e-bikes on our roads. First, the speed at which these devices are capable of, and the age of the users is of real concern. I have witnessed on a daily basis, young kids riding on the streets and main roads with no regard for any road rules or other users. This is partly due to the fact that young people today are a protected species and generally have no regard for the law or respect to others. I have personally had a couple of incidents whereby I came close to running someone over due to the fact that red lights mean nothing to them. A total ban on a motorised device on any footpath and designated public road should be enforced until the user is at an age capable of obtaining a license and understanding their obligations to road safety. The second issue I have is the fact that I am a motorcycle enthusiast and have several machines and if I wish to ride them on the road, I have to undertake a learner permit period, (with a cost), then do a course, (with a cost) then sit an exam and go through a probationary period, (with a cost) and finally obtain a license, (with a cost) to be able to ride on my own and not under supervision. Each motorcycle also has to be roadworthy and registered, (with an exorbitant cost) and insured, (at an exorbitant cost), yet the "E" fraternity requires nothing and yet is capable of in some cases far greater speeds than some of my bikes and also inflicts the same amount of (virtually non-existent) road damage as my machines. WHERE IS THE FAIRNESS IN THAT! If the government wishes to allow the "E" fraternity to continue unchecked I can live with that, but only if you allow me to ride my motorcycles unregistered and that I no longer have to renew my license or have insurance in place. Let's be honest, it's out of hand, ACT QUICK.