

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Having given the risk and increased danger of bike usage, especially by younger riders, there are several things that can be suggested. To focus down on one suggestion means to forgo the risks and issues primarily to do with the writer. I see the greater risk to Pedestrians who unknowingly get in the road off or hit by careless riding of the bikes. It's impractical to have dual carriage ways everywhere, and even if there were your carriage ways in heavily populated or heavily used areas, the speed at which riders ride would need to be reduced so that when people are crossing the path of where riders go, they would need to be traveling at a far reduced speed in those areas of heavier, congestion. Therefore, while it's good to have helmets and other preventative measures to reduce the impact to the Ryder, the most logical suggestion I have is to identify the areas of heavy traffic in multiple directions such as between surf clubs and the beach where shopping centers and footpaths intersect, etc. In these areas speed signs down to five or 10 km an hour would mean the impact to unwary pedestrians would be minimized if those speeds were adhered to. For those to be adhered to local authorities at local council level as well as police should have sufficient Authority to find riders who do not comply with the speed limits. How these are detected and enforceable, measured and identified by camera on speed. Camera are all additional infrastructure which may be at a later phase of implementation. Ultimately for heavy traffic areas with pedestrians and a bike and a scooter traffic, initially speed signs should be erected, followed by face and speed displays as there are currently on roadways, and these will improve the awareness of both pedestrians and the consideration of a bike and a scooter riders for where it is common sense to slow down, as there are currently no deterrence or no guidelines to appropriate speeds for varying conditions in population usage.