

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Health and safety are the highest priority of these devices and I recommend that the age limit for the use of these devices be 18. They are too dangerous, too powerful and people younger than 18 who do not know the road rules and have not fully developed to make safe decisions when using these devices. The devices are everywhere on the Gold Coast and I see multiple people per day using them, they are a great, green way to get around our city if used within the rules of the road and public areas. For someone with a mobility impairment they are integral to peoples choice of movement but they do need more rules for their proper use. I do not see a need to ban these devices, just to implement stricter rules for use and harsh penalties is breaching the rules. I would also like to see a 2 strikes and then the device is destroyed, much the same as hoon/boy racing laws are imposed. Helmets are a must! My wife who is a doctor has had to palliate patients who have had a traumatic brain injury from using these devices without a helmet. Once proper rules of use are introduced the following should be considered to expand the versatility of the devices; Increase the assisted speed limit to 32 km/h Raise the legal power limit, as 250W may be insufficient for hill climbing under load Allow throttle use up to the legal speed limit, just like pedal assist Align Queensland's laws with other states to avoid limiting product availability Thank you for your consideration.