Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I have rode an E-Scooter for months now, and have hundreds of Kilometres under my belt. I have had crashes, and near misses before. But guess what? I've never had to go to hospital, and nobody else has ever had to go to hospital because of my riding. I've done off-roading, shared path, footpath, bike lane, and much more. Thousands die every year because of cars. But when 4 people die because of their failure to drive un-impaired, with a helmet, we have an inquiry. This is a joke. This is the result of a vocal minority of whingers, and attention seekers. The reality is clear, and here: E-Rideables, are SAFE. QPS refuses to properly regulate electric Motorcycles. I have spoken to many riders, even just this week. Many know their vehicles are illegal because of wattage, or speed. But they can't register their vehicles. Why? Because of Queensland's outdated, and not fit for purpose laws. Only two electric motorcycles from Surron can currently be registered. Just two. And one cannot be from before 2023. How is that reasonable? Requiring insurance and registration would be a joke. Currently in Queensland, the only company that provides E-Scooter insurance is Bicycle Queensland. Which would essentially create a government-protected monopoly. Banning them doesn't work either. Just ask the UK, or New South Wales. In fact, go down to NSW if you want. Lismore, for example. They have many scooter riders, who are aware they are illegal, but don't care. The police ignore it there too. Just a quick reminder too, the incident recently in Perth, WA, could have just as easily occurred in a vehicle. Drunk drivers, bad riders, and the like are the issue. And a reminder, E-Motorcycles are legal for riding on private property. Restricting them would be restricting private citizen's right to do what they wish on their private property. What should happen, in my opinion, is QPS being forced to get off their seats, and go do their jobs. And for the Government to fix our registration laws. How the hell is it reasonable that a bike built safely, with rear and front lights and indicators, but with a 500W motor (as LEGAL in NSW), is completely illegal here!?Queensland, you are building your own Electric PMD prison, and are about to be thrown in it. Shame.