

## Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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### Submitter Comments:

We have lived in Currumbin since 2006. I have been a patrolling member of the Tugun Surf Club since 2006 and held positions of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I own a small (125cc) motor scooter which I am required to register and cover for third party insurance at a cost of \$479 per year. Speeding and dangerous/careless operation of e-bikes on footpaths and particularly the shared ocean-way path along Currumbin and Tugun have largely destroyed my enjoyment of walking and cycling in my suburb. Examples - 1. When walking footpaths in the area I have to constantly be looking over my shoulder to check for approaching e-bikes which rarely, if ever, sound a bell and fly past within inches, causing great anxiety and fear of injury. 2. Walking back from the Tugun Surf club after attending afternoon patrol in May this year i witnessed a young child (who was walking holding her parent's hand) hit by the bike's footpeg. the rider looked back but did not stop. 3. I have been personally abused by riders when I have called for them to slow down or take care. 4. On walking home from dinner at the Currumbin Surf club my wife and I were followed and threatened by an e-bike rider. We had walked past him as he was stopped talking on his mobile phone with the bike's blinding LED headlight pointing straight down the pathway. As we passed, I asked him to dim the light so we could see oncoming walkers/riders. He followed us and threatened to punch me. 5. I regularly see e-bikes travelling at over 60k/hr in our street. These are not pedal assisted bikes but high-powered electric cycles, ridden by young teens. Un-registered and uninsured with no means of identification. Small capacity motor scooters are required by law to be registered but these e-bikes are capable of the same high speeds. 6. Breaches of Qld state laws that I see every time i walk or cycle in my area - Unsupervised children - under 16 years of age riding on footpaths No helmets worn up to 4 people on e-bikes, often one adult and two or three passengers - riders using mobile devices while riding disregard of general road rules when riding on road, eg speeding, wheel-standing, travelling on wrong side of the road The lawlessness, arrogance and lack of common courtesy seem to be part of the mentality of many e-bike riders. Please introduce laws to: Ban e-powered bikes and scooters from our footpaths and shared cycle/footpaths Impose a nominal registration cost with number plates and third party insurance - these bikes cost from \$2000 to \$4000 - a small registration fee should be payable at point of sale. Thank you.