

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Whilst walking on a footpath in parkland at Elanora I was run down by a man on an e-skateboard because he lost control and fell off. injuries sustained were both physical and psychological. This was a group of adults, not teenagers who had a variety of e-bikes, e-scooters and e-skateboards. At the time they also had music blaring and were using selfie sticks to film themselves on the footpaths in the park. I sustained a fractured fibula which put me out of action for about six weeks. As a result I am too scared to walk anymore on pathways as they are unsafe. I have observed students from both Palm Beach Currumbin and Elanora High schools doubling and tripling on e-bikes which resemble motorbikes with no helmets on and appearing to go faster than cars on both the road and footpaths. In addition I have observed them run red lights and disregard any form of road rules. I question why there is no identification ie registration of these devices when elderly people using mobility devices that only go slowly have to register their device. I realise that police resources are low but feel that these devices should be confiscated for a week or two if not following the rules and the parents who have paid for these devices fined/held responsible. This is hard to follow through on as there is NO WAY to IDENTIFY those doing the wrong thing. Unfortunately, the 'genie is out of the bottle'-good luck getting it back in.