

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I think it is important to get the balance right with rules around e-scooters and e-bikes. My observation is there is a serious lack of enforcement against those that are riding in a dangerous manner, which leads to an overall negative view of electric mobility devices. I am concerned about the dangerous behaviour that can be commonly observed, with young people and some adults riding at high speeds, ignoring traffic lights, doing wheelies down the middle of roads, and displaying behaviour that is not considerate of other road users. I am also concerned that people are riding what is essentially a fast electric motorbike around the streets. However, this comes down to policing rather than introducing laws that make the use of reasonable electric bikes virtually redundant. The proper use of a reasonable electric bike should be encouraged, as it reduces traffic on roads and is a great way of getting around. Those that are riding dangerously now will not be deterred by reduced speed limits and stricter rules, as they already show a complete lack of regard for common sense and consideration of others. Make sure any law changes are based on the assumption that a reasonable person is in control of the vehicle and that person has regard for their own safety and the safety of others. Then police those that do not meet this description. I understand it is difficult to police when the riders take off and are difficult to catch, but making laws too restrictive will not change that.