

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I am concerned at the current level of illegal electric motorbikes in my local area. Additionally, I'm concerned by the level of misinformation around ebikes and escooters not helped by poorly written news media, uninformed (or deliberately ignorant) comments from ministers and other representatives and the apparent lack of existing enforcement around existing road laws as they apply to all forms of road use. This latter point is important, I don't suggest there is any particular imbalance to the enforcement of personal e-mobility devices, and it is likely the enforcement is balanced based on probability of deaths and serious injury, however as a relatively new area of private transport, its important to get off to a good clear start to help drive the right behaviours from all road users. To help drive best behaviours I'd like to see enhanced enforcement relating to the use of illegal electric bikes, but most importantly an effective education campaign including linking in with schools which seem to have the largest demographic that use these electric bikes illegally. Its also really important that those using ebikes legal to be used on the road continue to be encouraged and aren't punished by measures to combat the illegal activity. There is large opportunity to reduce some of the worst road traffic collisions through encouraging the use of electric and non-electric personal mobility, whilst there is also increasing need to provide protected routes for these users and treat them as valued citizens. I point out the lack of options for pedestrians and cyclists over the Storey Bridge at the moment and no plan in place as a pointed example treating cyclist and pedestrians as second class citizens.