

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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To Whom It May Concern, I'm writing to raise concerns about the growing number of children using e-bikes and e-scooters in ways that are unsafe, illegal, and frankly terrifying for other road users and pedestrians. In Coolumbalong alone, I've seen kids standing on the back of e-bikes, riding three at a time, and even travelling the wrong way up main roads and, alarmingly, on freeway on-ramps. There have been so many near misses, it's only a matter of time before there's a serious accident, if there hasn't been one already. There are some practical and achievable steps the government could take to address this:

- * Mandatory ID checks at point of sale – online and in-store – to stop underage buyers accessing these devices. Links to adult.
- * Registration and licensing for higher-speed models, linking them to an adult and encouraging accountability.
- * Speed and power restrictions on e-bikes and scooters available to the general public, to make them safer and less attractive for reckless use.
- * Geo-fencing and speed-limiting tech, especially near schools, parks, and footpaths.
- * Police enforcement powers, including the ability to fine riders and seize illegally used or unregistered devices.
- * Parental responsibility laws that apply when underage children are caught riding illegally.
- * Public education campaigns through schools and communities to raise awareness of the risks, rules and responsibilities.
- * Design regulations, especially for high-powered e-bikes that resemble and operate like motorbikes but currently fall into a legal grey area.

This isn't about spoiling anyone's fun it's about keeping kids safe and ensuring our public spaces and roads aren't an accident waiting to happen.