

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

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I am 65 yrs old. When I was a youngster, My parents brought me a lethal weapon. A moped, that is a motorcycle under 50cc and capable of no more than 35mph. To ride this, I had to be 16 yrs old, it had to be registered, taxed and insured. I had to wear a helmet and I was forced to ride on the roads. Mostly, I stuck to the law. I fell off. I hurt myself. Fortunately I didn't hurt anyone else. If I did, at least I was forced to insure myself for 3rd party distress. Some e-bikes that are currently in our society are that exact same lethal weapon. They can go up to 60km/hr. That's where the similarity ends. Today, you can ride without peddling, without a helmet (illegal but so easy to do, your more likely to win lotto than be pulled up). You can ride at any age with it seems as many passengers as you can get on (hey, they even make long seats to make it easy for you) without fear of being pulled over. I do not want to be a party pooper. e-mobility vehicles are convenient. They get people from A to B. They get people (mum's taxi) off the roads. They save time in a world where time is everything. But if your on a pathway where you have pedestrians these should be going no faster than a jogger. That around 12km/hr, the speed you would expect a 65 year old goes who still peddles a mechanical cycle. Not to mention we are encouraging one of the last forms of healthy exercise, walking, to become history. I actually believe, if we continue down this path, in a generation we will never see pedestrians. There are many forms of e-mobility vehicles. Legislation is going to be tough. But what a legacy you can leave when eventually you leave office rather than leave with blood on your hands. Lets be clear. A bike that does not need peddles is a motor bike. Put it on the road, register it, tax it and make 3rd party insurance mandatory.