

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Dot points for consideration: •Review of penalties for non-compliance infringements aligned with significant financial disincentive. •Implement a comprehensive safety education program for the community and industry concerning compliance requirements. •Implement designated 'go slow' and 'no go' zones to reduce shared space risks. •Deliver safety education program to the community for a six-month minimum. •Educate industry about the risks of reprogramming bike controls to exceed speed limits. •Provided QPS with confiscation and impound powers like anti hooning. •Conduct compliance blitz in known problem areas. •Implement phased infringement warnings, for example caution followed by fines and finally impoundment with a significant release fee. •Fine industry if known to provide reprogramming cheats to customers. •Infringements transferred to parents when issued to minors. Opinion: Escooters and ebikes are part of the transportation solution for communities. Typically, these vehicles are expensive products and those citizens who own them are wealthy enough to sustain financial penalties. The level of noncompliance on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane is very high and it includes motorists' behaviour that reflects societal entitlement. The QPS seem powerless or unwilling to do anything about it and I am surprised the road toll is as low as it is. The fix may require a heavier hand of low tolerance and adequate disincentives to change behaviour. One problem is local government focusses on things such as dogs rather than greater dangers such as the e-device problem. Suggested campaign catch phrases; "Don't be a [REDACTED], wear ya helmet" "Mum and Dad are gunna lose their [REDACTED] when they pay three grand to get my ebike out of hock!" All revenue to go towards the 2032 Olympics – you are going need to find a way to fund the games overspend.