Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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We have a situation now in QLD where e bikes with tyres, wheels, frames and general bulk are as much or more than the bulk of vehicles such as motor scooters which have always been required for sensible reason to be registered and ridden only on public roads. Together with the power and potential speeds of e bikes they create the same risk to members of the public on footpaths and roads that motor scooters were recognized as presented if not registered and restricted to licenced drivers of licencing age. E Bikes for some reason unknown have been allowed to slip through our system of motor vehicles licencing apparently only because the motive power is electric rather than petrol. These e bikes which are illegal to be used in publics areas should not be allowed to be imported. Every school in QLD has bike racks full of e bikes that are illegal to be used on QLD roads or footpaths given their configuration and speed potential therefore they must have broken our current laws to be ridden to these schools by school children. Police should be sent to all schools to check identify and impound all illegal e bikes or the govt is simply turning a blind eye to wide spread illegality amongst school children which is endangering not only the children themselves but the general public as well. The illegal e bikes are obvious for all to see and they govt needs to do its job and step up and put a stop to the illegal activities. In the end any law that is not enforced or only selectively enforced is bad law. Enforce the law and enact new laws to protect innocent citizens as required.