

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Being a high user of our current road system my observations are as follows: 1. Electric bike users have increased sharply especially interaction with other motor vehicle users. 2. A lot of electric bikes appear to exceed the current capacity of 250W. 3. E-bike users fail to observe road signs or rules while riding on the road or on footpaths. 4. Driving skills of current licenced motor vehicles are mostly inadequate to handle the introduction of these new road users. 5. Appears most users are of a younger age bracket especially school users who haven't developed skills to adequately understand road rules, awareness or understanding on the dangers of electric bikes on roads and footpaths. 6. How do some of these ebike users ie children no older than 13 afford some bikes which are in excess of \$6000 afford these. Who provides access for these children to ride these.. Possible solutions: 1. Improve current motor vehicle drivers skills by introducing skills and rules based test on licence renewal. 2. Some form of registration of electric bikes which exceed current legal requirements. 3. Educational training especially young children who operate ebikes. 4. Defining who is legally responsible if accident occurs with unregistered ebike. Maybe the chain of responsibility used in heavy vehicles. Example if ebike is at fault the user, who supplied the bike and the manufacturer and seller now becomes legally responsible. 5. Age limitations of riders. I have seen too many times 3 children riding on one bike no helmets at speeds greater than other road users or sign posted roads. 6. Police capabilities need to be increased which allow greater enforcement to allow them to remove these bikes off the streets if used in a dangerous manner. Removal and destruction would be required.