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New Laws to curb illegal monkey bike use

Monkey bikes caught being ridden illegally on the streets or in public places will be confiscated by police under proposed new laws to improve community safety.

Light MP Mr Tony Piccolo said that State Cabinet had agreed for new laws to tackle the spiralling monkey bike problem.

The new laws were announced by the Attorney-General the Hon Michael Atkinson during Cabinet's visit to the Light electorate this week.

Mr Piccolo said that when he doorknocks some communities within his electorate concerns about the danger that monkey bikes pose to the community is raised by many constituents.

"Elderly people and mums with small children feel particularly vulnerable when monkey bikes speed past them along footpaths". said Mr Piccolo.

"Not only are they unlawful to ride on the roads or other public places but they are also very dangerous"

"Monkey bikes appear harmless but they are unsafe to both riders and other road users"

"They are often ridden on footpaths and in parks and pose a significant danger to other pedestrians" said Mr Piccolo.

Earlier this year Mr Piccolo tabled a petition in State Parliament organised by Federal Member Mr Nick Champion where thousands of residents asked for tougher action against monkey bike users.

Mr Champion said he was committed to making our streets and parks safer for families to use.

"The illegal use of monkey bikes makes it unsafe for children to walk the streets"

"They are noisy and cause a great deal of nuisance to residents" Mr Champion said.