

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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To Whom It May Concern,I am writing to express serious concerns regarding the increasing safety risks posed by the misuse of electric bikes (e-bikes) in our community— particularly along Christine Avenue, Varsity Lakes.It has become a regular occurrence to be overtaken by youths riding e-bikes at speeds clearly exceeding the limit, often without helmets and engaging in highly dangerous behaviors such as wheelies and abruptly cutting off vehicles. This reckless conduct not only endangers the riders themselves but also poses a significant threat to pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.Immediate action is necessary. I strongly urge the introduction of licensing requirements for e-bike riders, along with the enforcement of regulations comparable to those applied to motor vehicles. Without appropriate accountability measures, this issue will only escalate.At the same time, I acknowledge the value of e-bikes as a sustainable and efficient mode of transport. To support their safe use, I also recommend expanding and improving bike lane infrastructure in urban areas to accommodate increased demand while ensuring public safety.Our community should not have to choose between innovation and safety— both can and must be prioritized.Thank you for your attention to this matter.