Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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As a local resident of Tugun, I want to express strong support for the use of e-bikes in our community. E-bikes have significantly improved accessibility for many residents, especially those living in hilly areas like ours. They allow people of all ages and fitness levels to travel longer distances that would otherwise be difficult or impossible— unless you were someone like Lance Armstrong.In our own household, e-bikes have been a game-changer. Our kids can now travel to the Tallebudgera Recreation Centre without needing two different buses. They can get to Coolangatta for a surf or to training at Tugun footy fields— again, without relying on a car or multiple public transport changes. It's giving our family freedom, independence, and more time together, all while reducing traffic and emissions.However, it's clear that education is essential, especially for younger riders. We need the Council to lead programs in schools to ensure children understand the risks and responsibilities that come with e-bike use. Teaching safe riding habits early will go a long way in preventing accidents and fostering a culture of respect on our roads and footpaths.E-bikes offer incredible opportunities for accessibility, sustainability, and healthier lifestyles— but they need to be paired with smart education and common-sense regulation, not blanket restrictions