

## Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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### Submitter Comments:

The introduction of e-bikes to our family of 5 (we have 3 e bikes) has been a significant improvement to our general way of life living in Currumbin. We often use the bikes to run small errands and we have been using this mode of transport to attend local sports training such as Tennis, dancing, taekwondo and surfing. The addition of e-bikes has further mobilised our busy family and given our children more flexibility to attend the sports they love while also contributing to the local sporting clubs. We also use the bikes on the weekend as a family to travel to the beach and along the path from Currumbin to Coolangatta and we have tried a lot of the new Cafes and restaurants. Traffic and parking availability at the beach has often deterred this activity on the weekends however we are out most weekends now we have the e-bikes. When used responsibly, they are a valuable, economical and environmentally friendly solution for the Gold Coast locals. There will always be a portion of the e-bike riders that abuse the privilege just like cyclists, skateboarders, car drivers and motorcycle riders. There will also always be a (noisy) portion of the community that rejects progress and change and will oppose it despite obvious community benefits. Some suggestions would be to improve e-bike racks at shopping centres, beaches, parks etc to improve security.

Conduct spot checks of riders in high traffic zones for educational purposes. Introduce some laws for on- road use. Registration and license requirements for use over certain speeds and use on roads, similar to 50cc scooters/mopeds. Speed limited only for shared path use.