

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

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Hi

At suggestion of [REDACTED], GM land transport safety & regulation, please see below email for your consideration.

Kind regards

Greg Gould



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Hi Brent

Looks like I may have missed the deadline for feedback on this one but thought I'd write anyway.

I have been an avid user of electric push bikes since 2019, & have largely given up using my car nowadays. The bikes are so terrific & so handy for single person trips, we now have 3 of them at home for use by the older teenage children also. They have saved us driving many thousands of kilometres in the car, massively reduced our personal carbon emissions, & have helped to reduce congestion on the roads.

In my view, as much encouragement as possible should be given to people to ride them, for the above reasons.

I did want to stress that electric bikes are a very different mobility device to electric scooters, which we do not own but have tried. Whilst e bikes have a very high degree of control over them, including on rough surfaces, the laws of physics are strongly against electric scooters, where the rider's centre of gravity is far higher & far more forward relative to that of the actual scooter itself, making any relatively small bumps quite serious & almost certain that the rider will be thrown head first. This appears to be confirmed by many news reports of bad injuries resulting from e scooter accidents.

By contrast, e bikes are the same as riding a push bike a little more quickly, & for longer. Large wheels mean they have the ability to cope with protrusions & potholes on the roads without any great disruption to the rider.

My point here is, be extremely careful in any new regulations to clearly delineate between the 2 devices as they are extremely different. E scooters certainly have their place, but their potential for serious injury does appear to be quite high.

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Kind regards

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