

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

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### Submitter Comments:

Dear Committee Members, Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Parliamentary Inquiry into personal e-mobility device (PMD) use in Queensland. As a Queensland resident and community member, I write in support of the continued and responsible use of e-bikes by young people, and to call for a balanced and evidence-based approach that recognises both the risks and the significant benefits of e-mobility. E-Bikes Offer Significant Benefits to Young People and Families. E-bikes offer young Queenslanders a clean, affordable, and independent mode of transport. These devices: Provide affordable and flexible transport for teens and young adults who may not yet drive or have access to public transport. Support sustainable living by reducing reliance on cars and cutting emissions. Encourage physical activity and outdoor time, even with pedal-assist features. Improve equity, especially in regional areas where transport options are limited. In addition, e-bikes provide real support for working families. With the rising cost of living, many households now have both parents working longer hours or multiple jobs. E-bikes help relieve the pressure on parents by allowing children to: Travel independently to school, reducing traffic congestion during school pick-up and drop-off times. Commute safely to part-time or casual work, building responsibility and easing the transport burden on busy families. This autonomy gives young people more freedom and helps families manage their time and expenses more effectively. A Fair and Evidence-Based Approach to Safety While I acknowledge the concerns about e-mobility injuries, I respectfully suggest the Committee consider the broader context. After reading about the inquiry, I researched statistics on non-electric (regular) bicycles, and the results are just as concerning (if not worse than those for e-bikes). This shows that injuries on the road are not exclusive to e-bikes or young riders. We should not single out young people based on the actions of a few who may misuse and misbehave on e-bikes. The majority of young riders I see are doing the right thing—wearing helmets, following road rules, and riding responsibly. Instead of limiting access, we should focus on smart safety strategies: Create a mandatory online road rules test for all e-bike and PMD users, especially first-time or young riders. Provide school-based education programs to build safe riding habits early. Introduce a graduated e-bike licence or permit system to ensure riders know the rules. Improve bike lane infrastructure, signage, and lighting to separate riders from traffic and reduce risk. Increase targeted enforcement for reckless or unlawful behaviour—regardless of the rider's age. Battery Safety and Ownership Risks Fire and battery safety is a valid concern, but the solution lies in better product regulation, clear safety standards, and public education on safe charging and disposal—not punishing responsible users. In Summary: Let's Empower, Not Punish E-bikes are part of the future of transport in Queensland. We must empower young people to use them safely and responsibly—not judge or restrict them because of a few isolated cases. With thoughtful rules, education, and investment in infrastructure, we can keep our roads safer without cutting off young people and families from a healthy, sustainable, and affordable way of getting around. Thank you for considering my submission.