

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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To the Transport and Resources Committee,

I'm writing as a resident of Palm Beach and a passionate supporter of e-mobility. E-scooters and e-bikes have become an important part of our modern transport mix—they're fast, efficient, and environmentally responsible. I fully support their continued growth and believe Queensland should be prioritising e-mobility, not restricting it.

Why E-Mobility Matters:

- We have the perfect weather year-round to support bikes and e-scooters.
- E-mobility can get cars off the road, reduce congestion, and cut emissions.
- Countries like the Netherlands (with far worse weather) have embraced bikes. There's no excuse not to do the same here.

What Needs to Change:

1. Safe, Dedicated Infrastructure

In Palm Beach, these devices are everywhere—but without proper bike/e-scooter lanes, it's unsafe for everyone. We urgently need dedicated e-mobility lanes. Reclaim space from street parking if needed—prioritise the future.

2. Consistent Rules

E-bikes and scooters are fast and powerful. There should be sensible rules about speed and usage—but they should also be clear, consistent, and enforced.

3. Free Registration

If rules are introduced, consider free or minimal-cost registration—not to restrict use, but to promote safe, trackable riding without creating barriers for users.

Final Thoughts:

This is a pivotal moment. E-mobility is already here—we need to design cities around it, not fight against it. Please invest in infrastructure, support adoption, and make e-mobility a first-class transport option across Queensland.

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