

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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As a resident of the Sunshine Coast, we suffer from a poor Public Transport network with a dispersed population throughout a an large elongated region. We do not enjoy the same opportunities of the big cities professionally or culturally. Bizarrely, small "nimby" lobby groups have hamstrung our council from advancing a light rail project that would help the region enormously. The same people have lobbied against increases in housing height and density during a housing crisis impoverishing far too many of our residents. The use of Ebikes and escooters are the transportation method of last resort for many of our youth in a region that has seemingly forgotten about them on so many fronts. No wonder there is a problem with youth crime here when the lifestyle and opportunity is limited in so many ways. I would encourage the state government to support and enhance the use and availability of escooters and ebikes throughout the state but particularly on the Sunshine Coast. Allow them to be taken on to public transport rather than restrict it. Encourage safety at all times but lets not let a relatively few incidents cloud our judgement on the greater good. We want our youth living their fullest possible lives with the greatest opportunities socially, recreationally professionally and educationally. More ebikes, more escooters, more intergration with public transport gives more opportunity and more lives lived well. Stop mollycoddling & infantilising! the Aussie zeitgeist detests a nanny state mentality. Fine and ban for reeckless behaviour but do not punish the many for the sins of a few.