

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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(1) I am a regular 'social' cyclist as well as being involved in organised groups. (2) It is crucial that only legal (pedal assist, to a maximum of 25km/h) e-bikes and e-scooters are allowed on roads, bikeways and pathways in Queensland. (3) Illegal "fat-bikes" and other so-called e-bikes with throttles, as well as many e-scooters, are often a menace and have caused, and are likely to continue to cause severe injury, maiming and even death to not only their users, but also innocent pedestrians and sensible cyclists. Some are driven at speeds in excess of 50km/h with no concern for other road / path users. One wonders how these illegal e-vehicles get into Australia through Border Patrol? (4) If however they are to be allowed, there needs to be separate pedestrian / cycling paths (sensible max speed limits as appropriate), with new additional separated fast e-vehicle lanes with speed limits in sync with the adjacent road (where applicable) and / or signposted speed limits as appropriate, The police must have the personnel and powers to arrest and fine those using them outside the rules, as well as confiscate such e-vehicles if they are being abused or endangering other citizens. What about age limitations and insurance (one may well ask)? (5) I also believe that the report from this inquiry should be submitted for action much earlier than March 2026 - the longer the time scale the more likely there will be additional safety issues and / or fatalities that might otherwise be prevented.