

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Reckless cycling behaviour, particularly when it endangers pedestrians or disrupts traffic, is a growing concern in Queensland. To address this, I propose several measures aimed at improving safety, education, and accountability for all road users, especially children.

- 1. Mandatory Registration and Licensing** All bicycles should be registered and linked to the rider's MyGov account. This system would allow authorities to track ownership and enforce safety regulations. For bikes capable of exceeding a certain pedalling speed, particularly those with electric assist features, riders should be required to complete a driving awareness course, similar to those mandated for motorists who exceed speed limits in the UK.
- 2. School-Based Education Programs** Children's cognitive development often limits their ability to navigate complex road environments and understand traffic unpredictability. Many are unaware of the basic rules governing footpath use and pedestrian right-of-way. To address this, a comprehensive educational program should be introduced in schools, teaching students road rules, pedestrian respect, and cyclist responsibilities. This foundational knowledge would foster safer habits from an early age.
- 3. Parental and Adult Responsibility** Adults play a critical role in shaping children's behaviour. Parents and guardians must take responsibility for educating their children about safe cycling practices and ensuring they adhere to them. Community-wide accountability is necessary to reduce risks and promote a culture of respect among all road users.

Implementing these measures can reduce dangerous behaviour, promote safer shared use of roads and footpaths, and build a more responsible and respectful cycling culture in Queensland.