

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I am a regular cyclist and strongly believe bicycles can form an essential part of transportation, especially in urban environments. However in my experience the 25kph limit is simply too low to make ebikes a viable option for most. On a flat surface I usually cruise at well over 30kph, and I am no athlete. I recently went to New Zealand and hired an ebike where they are limited to 32kph, in line with the USA and other places. This limit felt far more natural and suitable and there was certainly not carnage on the road because of it. I would like to see the limit increased to 32kph, in line with other countries. This may well negate the need for people to use illegal e-bikes as I suspect most people who actually cycle would find 25kph far too slow. Increasing the limit to 32kph may well open up e-bikes as viable transport solutions for more people with the obvious benefits to congestion and air quality. Personally, I would not consider an e-bike limited to 25kph but would use one as urban transport if the limit were lifted to 32kph. If we want to be even more progressive, the USA has a category of e-bike where the limit is 45kph, that really would be a viable alternative for many for urban transport.