Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Although I support the benefits that e-mobility devices bring in terms of convenience and environmental sustainability, below are key safety concerns I would like to highlight.1.Lack of Dedicated InfrastructureIn many areas, there are no clearly defined shared paths for e-mobility users. This often forces riders to travel adjacent to busy roads, putting them at significant risk due to close proximity with moving traffic.2.Speed Regulation and LicensingSome e-bikes and e-scooters are capable of reaching speeds up to 80 km/h, yet they currently do not require a licence to operate. This creates an imbalance between their speed potential and the regulatory oversight needed to ensure safe use.3.Teenage Users and Risk AwarenessTeenagers often use these devices without a full understanding of the safety risks involved. Their inexperience and lack of caution can lead to serious incidents, both for themselves and others.4.Need for Education and AwarenessThere is a strong need for public education targeting both parents and children. Many parents purchase e-scooters or e-bikes for their children without fully understanding the legal responsibilities and potential consequences of misuse or accidents.For these reasons, I strongly encourage the government to consider clearer regulations, improved infrastructure, and widespread community education as part of its response to the growing use of e-mobility devices.