

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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About 6 years ago I bought an electric bike. As an overweight individual it was never on the cards to ride a real bike 10km to work but I fell in love with the ebike commute and was healthier for it. 3 years ago I caught Long Covid. What followed was a horrendous illness that made me 100% bed bound for 9 months. I struggled to do anything and I was forced to stay with my parents as I couldn't care for myself. I improved enough to sit up and got a wheelchair. My elderly parents struggled to push me and the uncertainty of timeframes with this illness left me not wanting to shell out \$3k+ for a mobility scooter. Instead I bought a seat for my boyfriends escooter. I cannot tell you how liberating it was to use his escooter as a mobility scooter. The 400m walk to the beach, which might as well have been to the moon was once again achievable. I understand the committee's goal to make things safer and I support this. However I am imploring you to find a solution not to outright ban them. They have had a net positive impact on my life and I would like to see that continue.