

## **Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland**

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the greater adoption and integration of e-bikes across Queensland, and to advocate for significant improvements in our cycling infrastructure.

Queensland needs more bikes on our roads—and fewer cars. E-bikes offer an incredible opportunity to make transport more sustainable, accessible, and healthy for all age groups. They are not only safe, but they empower people of all ages and abilities to choose cycling over car travel. The issue is not with e-bikes themselves, but with a system that is not yet ready to support this much-needed shift.

We must look to successful global models, such as the Netherlands, where investment in protected bike lanes and community-wide cycling culture has led to safer streets, healthier citizens, and reduced traffic congestion. Queensland has the potential to follow a similar path, but it requires bold action and infrastructure investment now.

Particularly, we must support our children in safely enjoying the benefits of cycling. Whether for commuting to school, sport, or simply playing outdoors, children need access to safe bike paths and clear education around e-bike use. Building a generation that is confident and safe on bikes starts with providing the right infrastructure and support systems.

Additionally, I've seen a growing number of older Queenslanders embracing e-bikes as a way to stay active and engaged with their communities. This is a tremendous public health and social benefit—one that should be encouraged and enabled through well-designed, accessible cycling routes.

The momentum is already here. All we need is a government ready to support it.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge you to act now to prioritise e-bikes, expand cycling infrastructure, and create a safer, healthier, and more liveable Queensland for all.

Kind Regards

Mr Philippe Girault. June 2025