

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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E-transport (scooters and bikes) provide effective and efficient transport options for commuters in Brisbane. As someone who travels between the gabba and the city and st Lucia for work (and has done for nearly 25yrs) the ability to use this form of transport has meant a move from driving to riding my e-bike or scooter. I have not driven now for almost 6yrs - having previously commuted by car - often with only one occupant. I use the bike lanes provided . I note as an adult that having either scooter or bike that is sufficiently able to handle the hills in st Lucia and the gabba is necessary part of making this an efficient and flexible option. I'm now over 50 and due to a number of health issues am no longer able to slog it out on a standard push cycle. While I appreciate the concerns for safety and speed - I am frequently passed (at speed) by mostly Lycra clad men flying past on their track bikes. They don't abide by rules and frequently put me and pedestrians at risk. Yet there is not a race to restrict them. A wise person once said - you can't teach stupid. However there are some things that could be considered for e-transport in light of the current restrictions that would help riders. the assisted speed limit to 32 km/h Raise the legal power limit, as 250W may be insufficient for hill climbing under load Allow throttle use up to the legal speed limit, just like pedal assist Align Queensland's laws with other states to avoid limiting product availability