

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Regarding evolving the laws for e-mobility, my recommendations would be as follows:•Increase the assisted speed limit for e-bikes to 40 km/h. •Raise the legal power limit, as 250W is insufficient on roads shared with cars and for tasks such as hill climbing or carrying loads. •Allow throttle use up to the legal speed limit, similarly to pedal assist systems. •Align Queensland's laws with those of other Australian states to avoid limiting product availability and ensure consistent standards across the country. •Improve space allocation for e-bikes on trains (even if only in the first and last carriages), as regular passengers tend to occupy these wagons more than central ones. •Consider inclusion of similar allowances in trams, again focusing on the first and last carriages. •Increase the penalty for crimes involving the theft of electric bikes (as opposed to regular bicycles), since Queensland Police currently seem less likely to pursue e-bike theft cases—even when clear video evidence is available. These changes would significantly improve e-mobility safety, fairness, and practicality for Queensland residents.