

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

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### Submitter Comments:

My Submission will be focusing on Ebikes, as I have limited experience with Escooters or other Emobility devices. I have been regularly riding an E-bike since 2020. I ride primarily for commuting to and from work, as well as travel in my local area, and errands like picking up my kids from care and grocery shopping. My wife and I both have E-bikes, which enables us to only have one car rather than two. The benefits I and my family have seen from owning EBikes have been significant, and include:

- Increased exercise
- Improved physical & mental health
- Save money by only having 1 car
- Save petrol by using E-Bikes for short trips

Having ebikes as a method of transport has also benefitted the community:

- Reduced need for parking in our townhouse complex
- Reduced traffic on local roads, especially at school dropoff and pickup
- Reduced need for parking key areas, like train stations and shopping centres.
- Reduced environmental impact from reduced car use.

I took up cycling on an Ebike in my 30's having not ridden since my childhood, and I do not believe I would have started cycling if it were not for the rise of E-bikes. In addition to the above more tangible benefits, riding an ebike is just plain fun! Being able to go for a weekend bike ride without worrying about the hills or running out of puff. Being able to load up your bike full of groceries, and not worry about the extra ~20 you have to lug back home. Ebikes are a game changer for people who are not super fit but want to get around not in a car. I understand that there are downsides to emobility, and much concern in the community about injury and nuisance caused by emobility devices. Some points to consider are:

- Legal ebikes are
- pedal assist only
- restricted to 25kmh
- power limited to 250w (less power a lawn mower, blender, or leafblower)
- require a helmet

I work in brisbane CBD and in my experience most of the nuisance and safety hazards I see while walking or riding in the CBD are from people with illegal ebikes, or not following the laws. I advocate working to better enforce the current standards, and restricting the importing of illegal and dangerous ebikes, especially those with throttles and overpowered motors. I believe the government should:

- Look to work with the Commonwealth, and other states to restrict the import of illegal devices.
- Work with the Commonwealth and other states to improve battery safety laws.
- Better communicate the laws around ebikes to the public.
- Continue to crack down on illegal ebike ownership.

I also believe that ebikes are an opportunity to improve the lives of people, save money, and make our communities better. I believe the government should:

- Continue to improve cycling transport infrastructure
- Promote responsible ebike ownership and usage.
- Not impose further restrictions on responsible ebike owners and users.

Most ebike users are just people (like me) who want to get around outside of a car. They are not much of a safety risk, and you barely even notice they are riding an ebike. Don't punish the sensible majority because of a minority who do not follow the rules.