

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I think e-bike are a great addition to our community with the right education and discipline. I enjoy riding them however I would like more power as I'm a heavier person and really struggling going up hills. 250 watts is not efficient for riding hills. I would like the bikes to have 500watts/1000 watts capacity for climbing hills, for heavier people or with a load such as groceries. They are allowed in other states and should be available to Qld. This will be better for bicycle shops to sell more products. Have a throttle up to 12/km as 6/km does nothing on a hill. This allows to get going much easier.

There are plenty of people enjoying their e-bikes and use them in the correct manner. I/we miss out on opportunities for a better economic e-bike due to power restrictions. I also believe that a purchase of an e-bike of 500 watts or above, you must hold a current Qld drivers license or be the legal parent/ guardian with a Qld drivers licence on behalf of 16/17yr olds. And have these put into a register for future tracking. To put responsibility onto the purchaser and knowledge of what they are buying and the laws around them. And be provided with a Qld laws sheet/ information regarding e-bike use in Qld. And also the appropriate storage/ charging of batteries. We need to stop imported illegal e-bikes that anyone can purchase. Only licensed bicycle shops should be allowed to sell e-bikes. Also I think liability insurance should be mandatory for e-bikes of 500 watts and above to protect others whilst riding. Registration would be a good idea however it would probably be costly and hard to manage. At the end of the day it comes down