

# Transport and Other Legislation (Managing E-mobility Use and Protecting Our Communities) Amendment Bill 2026

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I am writing on behalf of our group who regularly rides a normal bicycles and legal pedal e-bikes and uses local bike paths and rail trails, and we are concerned about the proposed new e-bike. Like many people, we fully support stronger action to reduce the growing number of serious injuries and deaths involving high-speed and illegal e-bikes. However, much of the problem appears to involve riders who are already breaking the current laws, including excessive speed, under-age riders, no helmets, and modified e-bikes that are already illegal. It is hard to see how introducing new laws will change the behaviour of people who are already ignoring the existing ones.

Our concern is that the proposed changes may end up affecting responsible cyclists and people who ride legal pedal-assist e-bikes, while those who are currently breaking the rules will simply continue to do so. Stronger enforcement of the current laws on speed, helmets, and illegal high-powered e-bikes would likely reduce injuries and deaths without negatively affecting everyday riders.

We hope any changes focus on enforcement, safety, and education, and that normal cyclists and people who use rail trails and shared paths responsibly are not unintentionally affected.