

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

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Dear Parliamentary Committee

RE: TRANSPORT AND OTHER LEGISLATION (MANAGING E-MOBILITY USE AND PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES) AMENDMENT BILL 2026

The proposed new laws will impact people who use pedal assist bicycles (EPACS) to travel to their workplaces at Brisbane Airport. Riding at the proposed 10 km/h using the shared paths and footpaths at the airport will take over 30 minutes to commute the 5 km from Skygate to the domestic terminal, a trip which would only take 12 minutes at 25km/h. Combined with a longer time to get to the airport precinct due to a slow 10km/h speed limit, commuting by e-bike will no longer be a feasible means of transport for airport workers.

The proposed new laws will also impact people who aren't able to qualify for a driver's licence due to age, health, or loss of licence. These people will be banned from using a safe, low-powered, pedal-assist bike as their means of transport.

We do not dispute the need to take action on the irresponsible sale and use of higher-powered illegal motorbikes, or the issue with injuries to people riding e-scooters, but pedal-assist bikes are simply bicycles, and riders shouldn't be forced off bikeways or have to give up riding. There's no evidence to suggest that legal electrically power-assisted cycles (EPAC's) are responsible for injuries to riders or pedestrians.

Queenslanders are suffering a cost of living crisis and a fuel shortage. This is not the time to remove options for Queenslanders to use the safe, affordable, sustainable and healthy transport option afforded by EPACs. Please remove any requirements for licencing, age restrictions and the 10km/h speed limit on shared paths and footpaths for pedal assist bikes from the e-mobility bill.

Yours sincerely
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