

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

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I am a small business owner. The new law will impact my employees cycling to work, because they need to use footpaths to get here and 10 km/h is not a safe speed to cycle at, as anyone who has ever ridden a bike knows. I recently hired an ebike to ride a trail with some friends and their teenage children. Next time we go, our friends who are parents won't be allowed to come with us? I also know a disabled person who is unable to get a driver's license, their ebike makes a huge difference to their independence and quality of life. This is a really poorly thought-out set of proposals that is far more interested in scoring political points on youth crime than in actually solving the problem.

Illegal e-bikes that can do 50km/h, with 14 year olds riding them, are a menace - but they are already illegal. Enforce the existing laws. Ban the importation of e-bikes that are not suitable for road use. Confiscate them, recycle them, make the owners / parents pay the disposal costs. All of this would have my support. Don't punish legal, responsible ebike riders because you want to look tough for the tabloid media.