

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

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Pedal Assist Bicycles

We would like consideration given to licensing where worded as "any type or class" to exclude PEDAL ASSIST BICYCLES with no throttle. The pedal assist cargo bicycles are just that - a bicycle with assistance to get up hills, they do not pose the same speed risks as the e-bikes which this bill is attempting to prohibit and make safe. Please note that we do support the bill overall but there needs to be more thought given to safe non throttle type bicycles.

This licensing change will affect small tourism business, reduce sales and prevent overseas visitors without drivers' licenses to hire a pedal assist bicycle. Many European travelers for example from large cities are very capable on bicycles and do not have drivers' licenses so they will be prevented from hiring.

Also, the speed limit when riding on the road itself where there is no bike lane or foot path should be within the same range as a normal non-e-bike bicycle when pedaling not slower. Making this slower on road where there is no foot path is not practical.

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