

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

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

Cairns Regional Council (Council) appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission in response to the Transport and Other Legislation (Managing E-mobility Use and Protecting Our Communities) Amendment Bill 2026.

Council previously provided a submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland on 20 June 2025 (Our Reference #7680698). That submission identified five key areas of concern and opportunity:

- Review of changes to importation processes (2021 reforms);
- Stricter helmet enforcement and consistent messaging;
- Improved oversight of device use by students and school-aged riders;
- Investment in public education and rider awareness; and
- Risks associated with lithium-ion batteries and private ownership.

Following a review of the proposed legislative amendments, Council considers that the Bill is broadly consistent with, and responsive to, the matters raised in its original submission.

Council is supportive of the proposed amendments and acknowledges their role in improving the regulatory framework at a state level, particularly in areas where local government has limited legislative authority to effectively regulate or enforce e-mobility device use.

Council welcomes the continued progression of these reforms and looks forward to ongoing collaboration with State agencies to support effective implementation and community education.