

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

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BACKGROUND

The Queensland Consumers' Association (the Association) is a non-profit organisation established over 40 years ago and which exists to advance the interests of Queensland consumers. The Association's members work in a voluntary capacity and specialise in particular policy areas.

The Association is a member of the Consumers' Federation of Australia, the peak body for Australian consumer groups, and works closely with many other consumer and community groups.

The Association has a strong interest in ensuring that consumers are protected, empowered and safe and made a submission to the Queensland Legislative Assembly's inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland.

Therefore, the Association welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on this Bill.

GENERAL COMMENTS

We recognise the need to take rapid action to address the major problems, especially safety of riders, pedestrians, and other road users, with the current arrangements for e-mobility devices i.e. e-bikes and Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs).

However, we regret that the consultation period is been so short, especially given the importance of the many complex issues. As a result, this submission is very brief and only addresses a few issues.

We also emphasise that the problems cannot be solved, or significantly mitigated, only by regulation. Many other actions are needed including:

- Increased investment in appropriate public infrastructure.
- More effective public education about legal requirements and the community's expectations of the behaviour of users of e-mobility devices.
- More effective monitoring and enforcement of compliance with legislative requirements and publicity about enforcement outcomes.
- Improved monitoring, analysis and publication of information on deaths and injuries.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

We **recommend** that the Bill be amended to require a comprehensive and public review of its effectiveness after no more than 3 years of operation given:

- The importance and complexity of the issues.
- The rapid pace of technological and other changes.
- Relevant actions being, or likely to be, taken by other jurisdictions including the Commonwealth government.

We support many parts of the Bill. However, we have **concerns** about the extent to some provisions may:

- Impose unjustified stricter requirements for users of compliant e-mobility devices than for users of non-motorised bicycles.
- Create an incentive for increased use of compliant e-mobility devices on public roads potentially resulting in a significant increase in serious injuries and deaths.
- Reduce access to compliant e-mobility devices for some people, for example those under 16 and aged or infirm people who may be unable to obtain a qualifying licence but still be capable of being safe users of such devices.

Therefore, we **recommend** that further detailed consideration be given to any provisions in the Bill relevant to the above matters.