

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

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a local small business owner and long-standing participant in Australian and International cycling community regarding the proposed new e-bike legislation currently under consideration.

Firstly, we want to acknowledge that we understand the Government's concerns regarding the rapid increase in **illegal and non-compliant e-bikes**. We share these concerns. As a responsible, family-owned bicycle retailer, we support sensible regulation that improves safety for all road and pathway users.

However, we are deeply concerned that the proposed laws targeting legal e-bikes. Particularly around licensing, speed limits, and age restrictions, will not solve the illegal e-bike problem and will instead significantly harm legitimate users, businesses, and Queensland's broader economic and physical health.

Legal e-bikes have dramatically improved accessibility to cycling for many Queenslanders who otherwise would not be able to ride. This includes:

- Older riders
- People returning from injury
- Individuals with reduced mobility
- Commuters replacing car trips
- Families riding together for the first time
- New riders lacking confidence on traditional bikes

Every week, we see customers who tell us that **e-bikes have changed their lives** or in some cases saved their lives mentally. ebikes have enabling them to commute, exercise, and participate in outdoor recreation in ways that were previously not possible.

The Proposed Changes Will Not Address Illegal E-Bikes

The core issue is not legal e-bikes, it is **illegal, non-compliant devices** that already operate outside current laws.

Introducing additional restrictions on compliant e-bikes:

- Will not deter illegal imports
- Will not impact modified devices
- Will not affect riders already ignoring the law
- Will create confusion between legal and illegal devices

Instead, we believe the focus should be on:

- Stronger enforcement of existing laws
- Clear classification of illegal devices
- Import controls and compliance standards

- Public education on legal vs illegal e-bikes

Targeting legal e-bike users risks punishing responsible riders while doing little to address the real safety concerns.

Economic Impact on Local Small Businesses

As a family-owned bicycle business in Queensland, we are extremely concerned about the economic impact of the proposed laws.

Currently, legal e-bikes account for approximately 60% of our total sales.

These sales support:

- Local employment
- Service and repair jobs
- Local suppliers
- Tourism infrastructure
- Community cycling events

Introducing licensing, age bans, or additional restrictions could **significantly reduce demand**, placing many small businesses at serious risk. Already we have seen a large volume of bike shops in Queensland cease trading due to economic pressures and this is just another one which can be avoided

This is not just about retail, it impacts the entire cycling ecosystem across Queensland.

Queensland has a significant opportunity to benefit from the economic impact of e-bike tourism. Queensland has world-class riding destinations and the potential. However, restrictive e-bike legislation risks limiting Queensland's ability to compete globally in cycling tourism.

Our Position

We respectfully request that the Government:

1. Focus regulation on **illegal and non-compliant devices**
2. Avoid licensing requirements for legal e-bikes
3. Avoid age restrictions for compliant e-bikes
4. Maintain current legal speed limits for compliant e-bikes
5. Work with industry stakeholders to develop practical solutions
6. Support enforcement and education rather than additional regulation

Closing

Legal e-bikes are not the problem, they are part of the solution.

They improve accessibility, reduce congestion, support local businesses, and unlock significant economic and tourism opportunities for Queensland.

We respectfully ask that the proposed legislation be reconsidered to ensure it targets illegal devices without harming responsible riders and legitimate businesses.

Thank you for considering our submission. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

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