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## ADJOURNMENT

### Western Queensland, Weather Events; Personal Mobility Devices

 **Ms BOLTON** (Noosa—Ind) (9.24 pm): With devastating flooding across our state, my community sends heartfelt wishes to all impacted, especially our farmers. Having gone through the 1991 inundation when I was on a property north of Julia Creek, I know that the losses are heartbreaking. Recovery will take years. The aftermath of snake and locust plagues, mosquitoes, heat, stench and tears are something I will always remember. For anyone who can assist, there are multiple avenues to donate through, including via local council websites and CWAs and, of course, by purchasing gift cards online at local supermarkets, because every bit helps.

There is an ongoing issue in my community and others: e-bikes and e-scooters, also known as personal mobility devices, PMDs, and those illegal e-motorbikes. We have been raising the danger since 2022. Yes, there has been some action; however, it has not been enough. We know that these devices must meet Australian Design Rules, that there are laws on speed limits, that riders of PMDs and e-bikes must be over 12 and 16 respectively, that e-motorbikes must be licensed and that our police have been given the legislation needed for enforcement. However, all of this misses very important aspects. How are police expected to safely chase offenders—who are mostly without helmets—at speeds exceeding that of cars? How can they enforce infringement when there is no numberplate identification? What about retailer and parental responsibility? Who is monitoring to ensure adherence to Design Rules? Without licensing or registration or the ability to insure, how can we move beyond the status quo? Just recently we had another young Queenslander critically hurt. How many injuries or deaths will it take to resolve this?

Hoping for a fresh approach, I sought further action from our new government. However, the response replicated that of the previous government—that is, there are speed limits and police are responsible for enforcement. How can police enforce the law when they have outlined why they cannot in many cases? What we need are real solutions. We are an innovative, proactive state—one committed to reducing dangers and overloads to our emergency departments and increasing knowledge and accountability. The excuse that licensing and registration are too hard or expensive does not pass the pub test. This is about our young Queenslanders who one day will be driving a car and learning early how to abide by rules and laws when sharing space. Giving respect to yourself and others is an investment in the now and into the future. It is also a lifesaver for them and anyone who happens to be in their path, including pedestrians. I ask government to please listen to our communities on this issue and bring in some solid, innovative solutions to create greater safety now and into the future.