




Speech By
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E-Mobility Safety

 **Hon. BA MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (2.11 pm): It is good that the opposition leader has finally found his voice. He has been silent on the fuel issue for the last two weeks, ignoring the fact that his Labor mates in Canberra are responsible for the very issue he comes in here and jaws on about. He spent 10 minutes talking about the fuel crisis and did not mention the federal government once—the very level of government responsible for the crisis that Australia is currently facing. The question for the opposition leader is: has he picked up the phone to his mate in Canberra or is he just intent on pathetic political point scoring for his own selfish political purposes? I suspect that it is the second.

I rise regarding our government's commitment to dealing with e-mobility—something those opposite also failed to act on. As I previously advised the House, this week I will be introducing legislation to implement the recommendations of the parliamentary committee's inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland. I take the opportunity to thank the committee again and all those who made a contribution. I acknowledge that there are many different positions and perspectives that were expressed through the process.

The recommendations which we will be implementing provide a commonsense response to a problem that was left unchecked by those opposite. Although 'unchecked' may not be the right term given they actually made the problem worse giving rebates for devices that could travel at speeds of up to 70 kilometres an hour! How many lives have been put at risk unnecessarily due to their rushed pre-election cash splash without appropriate checks and balances?

There is just one question that remains, and that is: will Labor support these legislative changes? Will they support strong action on this issue or will they again sit idly by and let the problem get worse like it did when they were in government? I ask this question after reading the report's statement of reservation, signed by Jonty Bush MP, Shane King MP and of course who could forget 'Bart Bellish MP', the member for Aspley. 'Bart Bellish' must be the member for Aspley's new alias, but I can assure this House that the member for Aspley is no Clark Kent. The Labor committee members' statement of reservation stated—

It should also be noted that not all of the recommendations or committee comments are supported by the Queensland Labor Opposition.

So I ask: which recommendations don't they support? Are they against giving police the powers they need to confiscate illegal devices? Are they against RBTs for PMD riders? Are they against speed limits on footpaths? Are they against holding children, parents and retailers to account for their actions? Are they against keeping our communities safe?

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): Member for Bundamba and member for Pine Rivers, no interjections are being taken.

Mr MICKELBERG: I suspect that they do not know what their own position is. I suspect that this is just another issue tearing the Labor Party apart. It is your classic internal factional battle inside the Labor Party room, inside caucus, just like we saw on anti-Semitism, just like we saw on gun control, just like we saw on Adult Crime, Adult Time. It is a tale as old as time.

The genie is out of the bottle. We have a weak Leader of the Opposition who cannot keep his party together. We know what the member for Cooper's position is on Labor's failed e-mobility device rebate scheme. She had one of her constituents ask for it to be reintroduced and she responded by saying it was 'a solid suggestion'. She thinks giving rebates on devices that can travel up to 70 kilometres an hour is 'a solid suggestion'. After reading some of her comments during the public hearings, I think there are a few recommendations the member for Cooper is wobbly about.

Queenslanders should make no mistake: it was those opposite who let this problem get out of hand. They promised to deal with the RBT loopholes and they did not. This government, in contrast, is taking action.

While on my feet, this morning the chamber saw a dreadful display of fearmongering from those opposite. This time their victims were Queensland Rail station staff who, if they believe those opposite, were going to lose their jobs.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

Mr MICKELBERG: I want to table for the House the Queensland Rail media release issued to refute their disgraceful claims—another disgraceful fear campaign, but we should expect nothing less from those opposite given their track record.

Tabled paper: Media release, dated 19 March 2026, by Queensland Rail, titled 'Queensland Rail shuts down false scare campaign, locks in job security and better customer service' [382](#).

They are devoid of principles and ideas, and they can only rely on grubby smear campaigns. Queenslanders deserve better.

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