

Speech By

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TRANSPORT AND OTHER LEGISLATION (MANAGING E-MOBILITY USE AND PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES) AMENDMENT BILL

Mr BOOTHMAN (Theodore—LNP) (12.58 pm): It is a bit rich having to listen to the contribution from the member for Springwood, a former minister of this chamber who sat around the cabinet table when they put forward a $2 million subsidy for e-bikes. These e-bikes have been terrorising the northern Gold Coast and the Gold Coast, and they sat around and did nothing—nothing. They destroyed parks. They terrorised little old ladies walking their dogs. Even on the M1 motorway I have been overtaken on multiple occasions by e-bikes—e-bikes potentially funded by this subsidy that they put forward. They are placing the lives of young people in danger. By sitting on their hands in this chamber today, they are turning back the clock and hoping it all goes away. We are not going to let it all go away. We are going to do something about it. We cannot allow this to continue—the carnage on our roads and individuals going to hospital because those opposite refused to do what they were supposed to do, and that is protect the lives of Queenslanders. No more.

Debate, on motion of Mr Boothman, adjourned.

Resumed from p. 1746, on motion of Mr Mickelberg—

That the bill be now read a second time.

Mr BOOTHMAN (Theodore—LNP) (4.03 pm), continuing: Before the lunch break I was highlighting the lack of action by the previous Labor government but also the frustration of residents who have had to deal with what was happening in our communities. A good example was from a couple of years ago when we moved a cenotaph from one part of Upper Coomera to another and into a beautiful park. We had only just laid the grass around that cenotaph, which is over 100 years old, and those individuals on e-bikes were there ripping up that grass. That showed their complete lack of regard for those people who gave their life for Australia. That frustrated so many residents in Upper Coomera and the Theodore electorate. We could not sit idly by any longer. That is why the Crisafulli government got on with the job and started implementing nation-leading laws to get tough on these e-mobility devices.

We also understand there are a lot of good people out there who use these devices for good reasons and they should not be punished. That is why we have come to a common ground to ensure both that those people can use these devices and that young hoodlums cannot continue their actions of the last few years.

As I said before the break, the previous Labor government members sat on their hands and did nothing. Thinking about all those individuals—the 6,000 individuals who were hospitalised or suffered injuries—we could not sit idly by. I have residents who have family members who have been seriously injured by these devices. We need to get tough on this. If we do not, it will cause an enormous number of problems when it comes to our hospital system and it will get worse and worse; it will escalate.

The Crisafulli government have drawn a line in the sand and said that enough is enough. That is why we have brought in legislation—as I said, it is nation-leading legislation—to deal with the problem once and for all, to protect the innocent people who want to use our footpaths: elderly people, families and students walking to school. They will feel a lot safer knowing there are laws in place to protect their rights to use our footpaths.

I wholeheartedly support this legislation. I thank the minister for listening to Queensland and also moving these amendments to give those people the right to have their voices heard.