

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of Transport and Main Roads
Name of the proposal	Amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Transport and Other Legislation (Managing E-mobility Use and Protecting Our Communities) Amendment Bill 2026
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995</i>
Date of issue	May 2026

Proposal type	Details
Cabinet exemption	The Parliamentary Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland (the Inquiry), conducted by the State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee (the Committee) highlighted significant safety risks, regulatory gaps, and community concerns regarding the use of e-mobility devices. The Committee tabled the Inquiry report in the Legislative Assembly on 4 March 2026. It included 28 recommendations which focus on infrastructure, device definitions, user rules and requirements, empowering police to undertake enforcement, regulation of retailers, battery safety, data collection and use, and national advocacy. Amendments to the <i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995</i>, the <i>Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000</i>, the <i>State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999</i>, <i>Summary Offences Act 2005</i>, and associated regulations, have been proposed in the Transport and Other Legislation (Managing E-mobility Use and Protecting Our Communities) Amendment Bill 2026 (the Bill) which was introduced into Parliament on 25 March 2026. The Bill proposes nation-leading reforms to address both community concerns arising from the use of e-mobility devices in Queensland and the transport-related reform recommendations of the Committee's report to: - strengthen regulations for compliant e-mobility devices, including introducing a minimum age of 16, requiring a valid driver licence, holding parents accountable for allowing underage use, applying drink riding laws, increasing penalties for high-risk offences, and improving rules for parking, road access, and helmet use; - crack down on the use of non-compliant e-mobility devices and other illegal motorbikes through enhanced police seizure powers, holding parents accountable, and increased penalties; and - introduce measures to hold 16 and 17-year-olds accountable for road safety offences. The Bill was referred to the Committee for detailed consideration.

	4,900 public submissions were made to the Committee as part of that consideration, and several public hearings were held with a range of stakeholders. The Committee tabled its report on the Bill on 8 May 2026 and made nine recommendations for amendments, including changes to recognise past and future versions of EN15194, alternative compliance pathways for non-standard or currently legal e-bikes, age and licensing exemptions, adjusted path speed limits, minimal restrictions for designated and controlled public access areas, guidance material for shared e-mobility providers, and a 12-month review. A number of amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Bill are proposed which respond to the Committee's recommendations and aim to address significant community and stakeholder concerns. These include: • clarifying the types of e-bikes that can be used legally, • creating a head of power to regulate alternative compliance pathways for e-bikes that are safe but cannot comply with EN15194, • creating a head of power to regulate targeted age and licensing exemptions, and • refining speed limits to increase the default footpath limit to 12km/h and apply a 12km/h limit on shared paths when passing pedestrians. Minor technical amendments have also been proposed to improve enforcement provisions and ensuring consistency in terminology. Cabinet has approved an 'exemption from regulatory impact assessment requirements under the Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy without conditions', on the basis of exceptional circumstances that these reforms require urgent implementation of government policy.
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