

**Subject: Urgent Action Required on Illegal High-Powered E-Bikes**

To the Parliament of Australia,

On behalf of Bicycle Queensland, our members, supporters, and the broader bicycle and e-mobility industry, we write to seek urgent action on a growing public safety and regulatory concern: the proliferation of high-powered illegal e-bikes in Queensland and across Australia.

The increasing availability of e-bikes that do not comply with Australian standards presents significant risks to riders and the wider community. Many of these devices exceed the 250-watt continuous power limit and incorporate unrestricted throttle mechanisms, encouraging unsafe behaviors such as excessive speeding and reckless riding. Their presence on shared paths and public spaces raises serious safety concerns, particularly for pedestrians and vulnerable road users.

Despite existing guidelines such as those outlined in the Queensland Government's 'E-Bike Rules' on the Street Smarts website, the lack of enforceable import restrictions and sales regulations has led to a growing market for these non-compliant vehicles.

As key stakeholders in Australia's bicycle and e-mobility industry, Bicycle Queensland supports e-bikes as a transformative tool for sustainable transport, fitness, and accessibility. However, the rise of illegal, high-powered e-bikes threatens public perception and responsible adoption of this technology. To ensure the continued safe integration of e-mobility into Australia's transport system, we urge the Federal Government to take decisive action in the following areas:

1. **Import Restrictions:** Implement and enforce a ban on the importation of e-bikes that do not meet the internationally recognised EN15194 standard.
2. **Sales Regulation:** Introduce measures to prevent the sale of non-compliant e-bikes through both online and brick-and-mortar retailers.
3. **Exemptions for Genuine Needs:** Establish exemptions for individuals requiring throttle assistance due to mobility impairments, ensuring accessibility without compromising safety.

We call upon industry partners, retailers, advocacy groups, and community leaders to join us in co-signing this letter and supporting regulatory reforms that will protect public safety while fostering responsible e-mobility growth.

We welcome further discussions and collaboration with government representatives to achieve these objectives.

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