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# **Sunshine Coast Bicycle Group Again Calls for Urgent E-Mobility Safety Legislation Following Tragic Youth Deaths**

## **Mountain Creek tragedy highlights critical need for government action**

The Sunshine Coast Bicycle Group (SCBUG) is calling on the Queensland Government to fast-track comprehensive e-mobility safety legislation following the recent tragic deaths of two young people in e-bike incidents.

### **Crisis on the Sunshine Coast**

The recent Sunshine Coast accident is part of an alarming trend. The Sunshine Coast University Hospital Emergency Department recorded 118 e-scooter and e-bike-related presentations between January 2023 and January 2024—one every three days—with 56.8% of patients under 18 years of age.

Statewide, presentations for e-scooter-related injuries to Queensland emergency departments have surged to approximately 150 per month—a 50% increase from just two years ago. Ten people have died in e-mobility accidents in Queensland this year alone.

### **Regulatory Chaos and Enforcement Failure**

Despite existing laws that enable Queensland Police to issue fines exceeding \$1,580 and three demerit points for illegal device use, enforcement remains woefully inadequate. Many of the devices involved in recent incidents are modified e-bikes exceeding legal speed and power limits—some capable of speeds up to 60km/h—yet online conversion kits and tutorials make these dangerous modifications easily accessible to teenagers.

## SCBUG's Urgent Recommendations

The Sunshine Coast Bicycle Group urgently calls on the Queensland Government to immediately:

1. **Fast-track e-mobility safety legislation** ahead of the March 2026 inquiry deadline.
2. **Implement strict age restrictions** for e-bike and e-scooter use, with enforceable supervision requirements.
3. **Ban the sale and importation** of high-powered conversion kits and modified devices.
4. **Substantially increase police resources** and ranger authority for e-mobility enforcement.
5. **Invest in dedicated e-mobility infrastructure**, including separated bike lanes and improved signage.
6. **Launch comprehensive public education campaigns** targeting young riders and their families.
7. **Work with federal and state governments** to establish uniform national standards for e-mobility devices.

## Vulnerable Users at Risk

The rise in illegal, high-powered e-mobility devices has created dangerous conditions on shared paths, placing vulnerable users—including children, elderly residents, and people with disabilities—at significant risk. On the Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast, and in national parks, conflicts between reckless riders and other path users have become commonplace.

### **Comments attributable to Craig Humphrey Chair Sunshine Coast Bicycle User Group –**

"Our hearts go out to the families and communities affected by these losses," said SCBUG Spokesperson Craig Humphrey. "The urgent need for the Queensland Government to act now—not wait until the parliamentary inquiry reports in March 2026—has never been clearer."

"We have a fragmented regulatory landscape across Australia that creates confusion and undermines safety," continued the SCBUG spokesperson. "Queensland cannot afford to wait for national harmonisation when children are dying on our streets and paths."

"Every day we delay is another day our community members—particularly our children—are at risk," said the SCBUG spokesperson. "The Queensland Government has all the evidence it needs. The time for action is now," noted Mr. Humphrey.

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**About SCBUG:**

*The Sunshine Coast Bicycle Group is a community organisation advocating for safe and sustainable active transport infrastructure on the Sunshine Coast. SCBUG represents cyclists, pedestrians, and path users committed to improving safety and accessibility for all road and path users.*