

## WestCycle statement

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### WestCycle responds to the Ride Safe report and WA Government position on it

By WestCycle CEO Wayne Bradshaw

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WestCycle welcomes the Western Australian Government’s proactive response to the [Ride Safe report](#) and its commitment to improving the safety, regulation, and community integration of e-bikes and eRideables across Western Australia. The Government’s support or in-principle support for 32 of the report’s 33 recommendations represents an important milestone in recognising that e-mobility is now an essential and growing part of our transport system.

As the peak body representing Western Australia’s riding community, we are particularly encouraged to see a clear national leadership role emerging from WA. The Government’s push for stronger national device standards and classifications aligns directly with the recommendations and positions WestCycle put forward during the Inquiry, including addressing the supply of dangerous devices, creating safer places to ride, investing in education, and boosting enforcement efforts.

#### **Alignment with WestCycle’s key positions**

The Government’s position reflects several core priorities WestCycle outlined in our eRideable and e-bike Inquiry submissions and [formal response](#) to its findings and recommendations:

#### **1. Safer, higher quality devices through national standards**

Stronger requirements for device performance, safety features, imports and retailer compliance are essential steps WestCycle has long advocated for. These standards help ensure that only safe, compliant devices are available for public use.

## **2. Better, safer infrastructure for all riders**

The Government's backing of more and better spaces for riders directly aligns with our emphasis on the urgent need to close WA's infrastructure gap. Safe path networks, intersection treatments, and lower speeds on local streets are among the most effective ways to reduce conflict and protect pedestrians and riders – including measures we continue to advocate for.

## **3. Expanded education across all communities and schools**

We are particularly pleased to see the commitment to expanded education programs, building on initiatives such as WestCycle and the Road Safety Commission's own WeRideAble program. Education remains one of the most effective tools for improving rider behaviour and community safety, a view strongly supported in WestCycle's rider survey and formal response to the Committee.

## **4. Clearer rules supported by evidence-based enforcement**

WestCycle supports evidence-based enforcement that targets genuinely dangerous behaviour without penalising responsible riders using compliant devices for transport, recreation, and commuting. We acknowledge the importance of WA Police having tools to address antisocial and high-risk use, while ensuring these approaches sit alongside education and infrastructure – not in place of them.

### **Areas requiring continued focus**

While we broadly support the Government's direction, we reiterate several concerns outlined in our detailed response to the Ride Safe report:

- **No Registration of compliant devices**

Our community overwhelmingly opposes registration for compliant eRideables and e-bikes, and we welcome the Government's recognition that e-mobility devices should be treated, "in the same manner as (non-motorised) bicycles."

Registration would create cost and administrative burdens without evidence of safety benefit, and risks discouraging active transport uptake. We welcome continued dialogue with Government to ensure that any future regulatory changes are proportionate, evidence-based, and community supported.

- **The need for speed management and safer streets**

Lower traffic speeds on local streets remain one of the simplest and most cost effective ways to protect pedestrians and riders – not only eRideable users, but also riders and vulnerable road users more broadly. We continue to work with Government to progress this proven road safety measure.

- **Fast tracking already identified actions**

Our position remains that several safety measures endorsed both in the Road Safety Action Plan and the Review of eRideable Road Rules should be accelerated to meet the community need for safer streets and paths.

### **A shared path forward**

The WA Government's announcement confirms that Western Australia is ready to lead the nation in establishing a modern, consistent, and safety focused e-mobility framework. We strongly support the WA Government's call for the Commonwealth to close national regulatory gaps, especially regarding import controls, tampering, and device classifications to prevent unsafe and overpowered devices entering the country in the first place.

WestCycle stands ready to collaborate with Government, industry, and community partners to ensure that these reforms deliver safer streets, better infrastructure, and an environment where people of all ages and abilities can confidently choose active, sustainable transport.



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E-bikes and eRideables are here to stay. With the right mix of regulation, infrastructure, education and enforcement, they can safely deliver enormous benefits to our community – from young people gaining independence, to older riders staying active, to families choosing healthier, more sustainable ways to travel. WestCycle is committed to ensuring these opportunities are realised for every Western Australian.

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### **About WestCycle**

WestCycle is the peak non-profit body for riding throughout Western Australia and a representative voice for all riders, including eRideable users. Our dedicated team strives to develop, promote and enact positive change state-wide around active transport.

### **Acknowledgement of country**

WestCycle acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands where we work and live and pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past, present and emerging.