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Dear Treasurer and Minister,

Re: Urgent Action Required to Address Unsafe E-Bike Imports

I write to express serious concerns regarding the proliferation of unsafe and non-compliant electric bikes entering Australia, a matter raised with my office by my constituents and leading organisations in the Australian bicycle sector.

Recent reports and a troubling rise in accidents involving these vehicles have highlighted the urgent need for federal intervention. These machines—often unroadworthy motorbikes masquerading as e-bikes—pose significant risks to road users, pedestrians, and especially young people. The lack of regulatory oversight since the 2021 amendment to the Motor Vehicle Standards Act has allowed a flood of substandard imports, many of which fail to meet international safety standards and present fire hazards due to inferior battery quality.

The bicycle sector, including Bicycle Industries Australia, Bicycle Network, Bicycle NSW, Bicycle QLD, Bike SA, Pedal Power (ACT), We Ride Australia, and WestCycle, has called for the following actions:

- Reinstatement of e-bikes under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act to ensure they meet appropriate safety standards upon import.
- Implementation of a standards-based approach to all e-bike imports, ensuring consistency with international safety and speed regulations.
- Federal leadership to harmonise the definition and regulation of e-bikes across all states and territories.

As the e-bike market continues to grow—offering Australians a healthy, affordable, and sustainable transport option—it is imperative that we safeguard its integrity and protect public safety. I urge you to consider these recommendations and work collaboratively with state and territory governments to restore regulatory control and ensure the safe integration of e-bikes into our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further and support efforts to implement these necessary reforms.

Yours sincerely,



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