Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I am appalled at how with the introduction of e bikes, no one is accountable for not taking action against the free for all we currently have with all the reckless and inconsiderate riders. Why are they allowed to be so fast, why is there no licensing or registration and no compulsory wearing of safety gear?There are a major safety concerns between walkers and e bike riders all along our foreshore walkways and footpaths and with cars on our roads. Only today I saw 3 e bike riders speeding down the road then turn towards the center island, jump over it in front of me and the rest of the oncoming traffic and go speeding off down the wrong side of the road. No consequences, so they will keep doing it. I travel to Pindara Hospital a few times a month and have seen on many occasions e scooters and e bikes doing 80 klm per hour, sometimes faster along Bermuda Street. All this without wearing any safety gear. Whilst walking along the Coolangatta foreshore, which I quite often do with my wife, her wheelchair has been hit twice now by speeding e riders trying to maneuver around and between people at speed and then ride off with no apology. If anyone has noticed, e bikes accelerate faster than cars and motor bikes. it's like an accident speeding off somewhere to happen. Some government body or department needs to take control of this mess and implement some controls, rules, regulations, licensing, mandatory training or something to get some sanity back onto our footpaths and roadways.