Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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As a parent and teacher within our local community, I am very concerned about the safety of our young children. I only see e-bikes ridden in a dangerous manner, at speed, often on the road (and in groups!) both within Currumbin and Burleigh Heads, where I work. I see them often ripping up the grass at my local footy club, Currumbin Eagles. I am aware of 'meet-ups', where 10s to 100s of e-bike riders meet up, often near The Pines at Elanora. I am aware of other young people being physically injured at these 'meet-ups', wrong place, wrong time. I am concerned at the recklessness at which they are ridden, 'wheelies', standing up on the seat, on one foot. They are barely even ridden within the laws of 25km/hr. Young people do not have the mental capacity, awareness, wisdom/knowledge or needed guidance to ride e-bikes unsupervised. I am very concerned about their use in my local community.