Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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The use of e-bikes in my Gold Coast region has proliferated in the last year. They are now capable of performing in the same way as motor bikes, yet without registration. My concerns are 1. The speed at which they can now travel: I have been unable to match the speed of some where I'm doing 60kph in my car; 2. The lack of adequate lights front and back makes them invisible after dark3. The lack of obedience to road rules. They run red lights, weave between pedestrian and vehicle paths interchangeably, double or triple passengers, don't wear helmets (though this has improved recently) 4. They ride for long distances on their back wheelI fail to see how they can be allowed to use the road the same way a registered vehicle driven by a licensed driver uses the road. Why don't they have to have a licence and a registered vehicle if they are essentially using a motor bike, albeit electric.