Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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School children under sixteen are too young irresponsible and immature to ride an electric bike that travels at above 40km/hour. Those that are old enough should be licensed as with any motor vehicle to ensure they have Insurance especially third party insurance and the knowledge and capability to ride a bike at such speeds. At this time people injured by an unlicensed e-bike have no recourse if the rider is under age. Restricted speeds could be considered. People flouting the speed limits and driving recklessly should/could have their bikes confiscated. Push bikes for under age are a good alternative which encourages fitness and provides an entry level for learning road traffic rules. As a seventy five year old I should be able to walk along the footpath without fearing for my life when a young e- bike rider drives along the footpath racing along besides me with little if any noise to notify me of their presence. Thank you