Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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The use of e-scooters and bikes in my area is high. Mostly, young teens who have no knowledge of road rules, going fast, without safety gear. As a driver of a car, who pays rego, I think it's only fair that a) users of the e-bikes on a road need to pay rego of some type, have an identifying factor like a number plate in case of accidents and hooning, but MOST of all, they should be over 16 and have passed some kind of road test. The reason we don't have kids driving cars is due to their thinking capacity, and yet these e-bikes and scooters are going at the pace of a car, with less regard for safety with no road rule knowledge. They go through stop signs, red lights, no blinkers, come alongside cars - I am surprised there haven't been more deaths around the use. The older people I know that use these to get to work and reduce the use of their cars follow the road rules, drive at a pace that is suitable for the conditions and wear helmets. The biggest issue I see are the lack of registration and the age of the users, would love to see age restrictions, some kind of rego, and road tests (license) to use these.