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I walk our dog along a route which includes the Baree Bedalla boardwalk along Currumbin Creek and past the Palm Beach High School. As I have witnessed and been subject to near misses between pedestrians, especially the elderly, and Ebikes travelling at speed, along the boardwalk as walkers cannot hear the bikes coming from behind due to the silent nature of their motors. When you use the equation (mass x speed) collisions between pedestrians and ebikes can be lethal. In walking past PBHS I have seen young children, mostly males, weaving in and out of traffic whilst performing "wheelies" at the busiest time of the day (the commencement and end of the school day). These children have know idea of any road rule and the mortality of a collision with vehicles, especially with not wearing an approved helmet. I also have seen up to 3 children on one bike travelling along a footpath which is just utterly ludicrous. The Qld government must be aware that giving, not only children but also adults, the ability to cause such mayhem on our roafs and footpaths is causing great concern and angst at being able to use our roads and pedestrian walkways.