Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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As a local Taxi Driver in Yeppoon I see the laws on operating an e-scooter ignored constantly, people do not wear helmets, the ride two and three up, they do not check for cars while riding across intersections. Why are they not policed and used infringements, I see police ignoring this and I believe this is why we have so many of these riders breaking the law, they know nothing will be done. Several times I have had to slam on my brakes to avoid a collision with a rider who is doing the wrong thing. They are a hindrance to drivers and elderly people. I've had elderly passengers who are scared of walking in our foot paths because kids on scooters are a threat to their safety as some of the riders get so close they could touch them. But the answer is not putting them on the road either. The answer is correct policing, lower speeds and do not allow them in the Main Streets. If tickets and fines are issued the way they are supposed to be, it would send a message they can no longer get away with breaking the law. And breathalyzer testing at night because I know for a fact people ride them home from the pubs. Law enforcement needs to take priority.