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I have held an open motor vehicle drivers licence (Class C) in Queensland since 1968. If I wish to obtain a motor bike licence, despite my years of experience, I am required (among many things) to undertake appropriate training, display "L" plates on any motor bike I ride, am not permitted to lane filter, wear an appropriate helmet, must complete 12 months satisfactorily while riding a motor bike of no greater than 250cc capacity, and am not permitted to carry a pillion passenger. Compare this to the absolutely farcical situation which has been allowed to occur and persist with the current ebike and e-scooter riders: Every day i see one or more of the following - primary and secondary school age children, and adults, riding all kinds and types of vehicles on footpaths, on public roads, on grass verges, in parks, across pedestrian crossings, riding straight through red lights, riding straight through stop signs, riding straight through give way signs, weaving through traffic, ignoring speed limits, performing 'monos', double and triple dinking with no helmet/s, no lights, no directional signals and absolutely no care, consideration or concern for other road users or pedestrians. On the 25th of May we also witnessed two young children on small off-road motor bikes riding around our suburb at speeds well in excess of the 50kmh limit - no helmets, no registration, no lights, and obviously no licences. An excellent start point for Police/Authorities would be to swoop without warning on all the schools, and have all the e-scooters and e-bikes scrutinised for illegal modification. Follow up with compulsory training, helmet use, and confiscation of vehicles used incorrectly or modified, also compulsory registration of vehicles.