Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I am a professional driver with the Gold Coast Light Rail, I see everything! This is not a joke to professional drivers who everyday come in contact with escooters/ebikes and mobility scooters, sometimes literally with millimetres of taking a life. That will pump your body full of adrenaline in seconds. This is a regular occurrence for road user's, especially within my employment. I have personally had these riders on numerous occasions ride at the tram, on their rear wheel up the alignment, head on, before deviating at the last second. This puts lives at risk on my tram if I can't pre-empt their intentions and have to emergency brake to avoid collision with them. The speed that some of these machines reach is simply mind blowing, especially the escooter/ebike epidemic that we are currently viewing at present. I personally are over these teen delinguents, their not on their ebike at 2, 3 or 4am, dressed all in black, wearing motorcycle helmets going for a picnic, they are up to no good in our communities. These getaway vehicles are nimble, very fast and can access all areas of pathways that Police vehicles can not. I have no care about the escooter/ebike individual's welfare. It's the tragedy and personal suffering of the poor driver behind the vehicle that, didn't see them, didn't stop in time, that has to live with the face of immense terror of death becoming to one of these individuals. That will live with you forever! And it's not a matter of 'IF' but 'WHEN' a tragedy like this occurs.