Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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To create the safest possible legislation regarding e-scooters et al:1. The weight of the e-scooter is important, mass and velocity give the se-scooter momentum thereby dictating the danger faced by pedestrians.2. Safety for footpath users requires legislation regarding the scooter's mass as well as speed. E.g. 20kg maximum Scooter at 15km/h maximum speed.3. Width of the e-scooter for use on footpaths is important. E.g. Handle bar width to be no greater than 600mm to ensure room to pass pedestrians.4. In countries such as Japan e-scooters must display a number plate. These plates should be displayed or the e-scooter should be instantly confiscated.5. The registration for the e-scooters should be inexpensive and the registration details must only be issued to a QLD Drivers license holder (ie. parent).6. Speeding, oversize e-scooters and other safety breaches (including failure to wear a helmet) should result in instant confiscation of the e-scooter. These points if legislated, i believe would result in a significantly higher level of safety amongst e-scooter users and other members of the general public. Very large (chopper style) e-scooters and high speed e-scooters should be removed from public streets and footpaths only to be used on private property from the date of new legislation. This would allow businesses to continue with sales and prevent calls for buy backs or compensation.