Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I live on a street corner on a busy road with access to the estate in which I live, which is a neighbourhood with young teens. In the past two years there has been a noticeably huge increase in the use of EV scooters and bikes in the area, most of which are being ridden by boys and girls who have no concern for the pedestrian or vehicle traffic around them. I see every day speed limits being violated, no helmets or shoes, using mobile phones whilst riding, and most often the carriage of an extra person on their EV scooter or bike. I have yet to see any of these youths with a parent or guardian accompanying them as they ride. My main concern is their lack of responsibility when riding around our pathways where young parents with strollers, young children on their bikes or scooters and older people are walking. I have had a few encounters myself with these young ones speeding around blind corners with no concern for people on the pathway. We read all the time now the number of casualties presenting to our Emergency Depts. in hospitals as a result of speed and irresponsible use of these vehicles. I cannot believe we are allowing these young people to have full access to roads and walkways. when as a licensed driver, with registered vehicles and insurance, we are put at so much risk.1. They are not licensed'.2. The scooters/bikes are not registered3. They have no insurance. I really believe the government should take its stance on the continued use of these EV's on our roads and public pathways with a total ban to children under 18.

I feel it is time that the government took a stand on the flagrant use of these EV's and if it were my decision a total ban on all of them. They drive around unregistered and with no insurance, whilst we, the licensed public, pay both.