Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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It is possible to speed limit trucks so why not e scooters and e bikes? If not then ensure that the motors are not capable of going at high speeds. I was slowing down for traffic lights the other day and my speed was 45kph when a young girl on an e scooter passed me on the footpath. She had no safety equipment on at all. My fear is that young people do not realise the danger they are putting themselves in. E scooters seem to be treated like toys when in reality they are motor vehicles. Also riders of e scooters and e bikes seem to think that they have right of way on roads or footpaths and expect pedestrians to get out of their way. I had a guy on an e bike come up behind me on a footpath and start ringing his bell and shouting "Get out of the way!" There needs to be a serious crack down on the laws relating to these motor vehicles for the safety of the users and the innocent people that they will inevitable crash into. In the event of a serious injury being caused to an innocent pedestrian who pays the medical bills? Not the kid on the scooter or their parents I bet.