Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I wish to feel safe when I walk along a footpath in the city. I do not want to step out of a cafe onto the footpath and be mowed down by someone on one. I do not want my 6 or 8 year old daughter, who are easily distracted, get taken out by one because they do something stupid or inattentive (hey look rainbow, CRASH). Banning youth riders and greater enforcement of helmet use is not sufficient. The pedestrian they hit is not wearing a helmet. We're not talking hypotheticals here. There is too much footage of this having occurred. Actions in relation to e-scooters (+ e-skateboards etc) needs to not only be taken in relation to youth riders, but also needs to consider children as pedestrians. I used to skate 30 years ago. Then you had to get good before you had the ability to go fast, so speed inherently came with some level of control. With an e-scooter, the motor can make a completely inexperienced rider to high speeds they cannot control.