Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Minors are operating a large percentage of these machines. Damage caused to third parties cannot be compensated by minors legally. It is very doubtful that parents can be held liable for the child's actions. Privately owned scooters and e-bikes do not carry third party insurance. The cost of injuries falls on the state. Although there are large fines for operating e-scooters and e-bikes which have illegally high speed capability on who does this fine fall in the case of a minor? There is \$68 million in outstanding traffic fines in Queensland, the potential of the fine is of little deterrent value. I suggest: All e-bikes and e-scooters be registered and carry third party insurance. That children under 15 not be permitted to operate e-scooters or the wide wheeled e-bikes.