Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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Personally I believe e-scooters and e-bikes should be banned from any use on footpaths because they are a hazard for pedestrians. We have had numerous near misses with kids riding in a fast and reckless manner. I also fear that when a car and an e-bike have a collision, the car driver will always been seen at fault. These things travel so fast and come out of nowhere that they have become hazardous to road users. All e-bikes and e-scooters should be registered for road use and all riders must be licensed as these things are capable of speeds faster than suburban street speed limits. Currently if an e-bike or e-scooter rider exceeds the speed limit and rides past a radar detector how is that rider identified and fined for breaking the law? I have seen e-bike riders wheel-standing through busy intersections, riding through red lights and doing donuts in busy intersections. It's getting out of control. All riders must undergo a training course and testing, the same as all other road users. All riders must be required to wear helmets and reflective vests and all e-bikes and e-scooters must be highly lit up and carry a tall aerial with a flag attached. If nothing is done to reign in this hooliganism, pedestrians will remain vulnerable to injury and other road users blamed for e-bike and e-scooter injuries or fatalities.