Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I would like the committee to consider:* Electric scooter and bike users must be licensed if the vehicle goes over 25km/h and over the age of 14* If the scooter or bike goes over 25km/h it must be registered* Manufacturers be responsible for ensuring speed limiters cannot be changed. Currently it takes about 3 minutes to remove the limiter on some vehicles. *Retailers need to be responsible, similar to fire arm retailers, in that only licensed people can purchase a vehicle that exceeds 25km/h.* Scooters and Bikes that exceed 25km/h must have a warning device, like a horn, fitted at all times and not removed, so the rider can alert pedestrians. These vehicles move so quickly and quietly, it is difficult for pedestrians to know they are in close proximity.* Police have powers to confiscate for improper use. A 3 strike rule should apply. After 3 improper use confiscations, the vehicle is destroyed and user banned from purchasing or using for 2 years.* Speed limit for use on shared pathways, where pedestrians share the path with bikes, skateboards etc. No vehicle, no matter what it is, should exceed 15 to 20km/h when ridden on a shared pathway with pedestrians. There are lots of shared pathways on the beach front on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, and there is multiple near misses with children etc all the time.