Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I am a long distance truck driver and unfortunately, I see the worst of the worst when it comes to drivers on a daily basis. I firmly believe that there is a place for e scooters / mobility devices in Queensland. For every e-scooter, there is 1 less motor vehicle on the road, reducing traffic and emissions. But I do believe that they need to be governed by stricter laws, especially the rental scooters eg Lime etc. I rarely see a rental scooter rider wearing a helmet, more often than not, they are riding the scooter with the helmet hanging off of the handle bars. Additionally it is not uncommon to see 2 people on a single scooter. I have personally had a near miss when driving home from work late one night through Fortitude Valley where an intoxicated individual with no helmet on a Lime scooter shot out of a side street in front of my vehicle causing me to take evasive action, THEN having the audacity to abuse ME in their drunken state. So I think a curfew of e scooters from `Party Precincts` would be highly worthwhile investigating. Also, the investigation of how many e-device injuries are sustained on rental devices vs personally owned scooters. My wife and I both have e scooters and enjoy the odd Sunday morning ride for coffee and breakfast, so I am a fan of the personally owned e scooters, but I think that the rental side of things needs to be looked at.