Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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It seems that most people on scooters of any age riding on the roads don't appear to know the rules or they completely ignore them because they get away with it. I have had two very close calls where i was driving very carefully and .they were breaking several rules. One was in a shopping center carpark and one with 2 people on it without helmets came out very fast in front of me from behind parked cars at an intersection, I was going slow but i only just missed them. Also just recently I was travelling straight ahead through a green traffic light below the speed limit in a 60kph zone when an adult on a scooter came very fast off the footpath of the street on my right through a red light, I just missed him after swerving out of the way and almost hitting the gutter. I also almost got hit twice just walking out of shops onto the footpath when a scooter travelled down the footpath at high speed.I have never seen police in Rockhampton pull up anyone on one. also there are many times when the hire scooters seem to get left lying on the road and we have to drive around them on the other side of the road. We have to have a license and pay registration for our cars, motorcycles and motor scooters but electric scooters can travel around town for no cost and with no education about rules and no insurance.