Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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E-scooters are a necessity evil just like mobility aids for seniors and the Infirmed. However, whilst private ownership might in some ways lead to responsible ownership however youthfulness is no different to owning a Holden or Ford Gt back in the day. As riders gain a sense of experience that appears to cloud their judgment of riding jig jagging in and out of the paths of pedestrians- it's always the unintended consequences of pedestrians changing direction WITHOUT the knowledge of e-scooter riders travelling at speed from behind that results in these accidents. So let's look at commercial use - littered e-scooters scattered on footpaths. Abuse of rules and regulations restricting use on footpaths, helmet use. No financial penalties by the commercial owners and definitely no incentives or repercussions for them. The public can't leave items on footpaths without feeling the full weight of Council penalty. Restaurant can't alfresco without repercussions. Escooters should be collected and returned to the commercial owners premises -NOT left unattended like a terrorist IED. The public should be allowed to remove left scooters left or discarded on the footpath. Speed restrictions can be overridden by owners by probably harder on commercial bikes by commercial owners can track users through credit card use and should penalise financially those that leave e-scooters recklessly. Ease of access must be balanced so think back when Brisbane introduced bicycles and the commercial owner had to provide special constructed bike racks which required return to prevent theft and correct payment.