Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I feel the issue of safety on e-bikes is crucial. I have difficulty understanding why the situation so often visible on roads and pavements has been allowed before appropriate restraints for safety are in place. I will simply relate several instances of children using e-bikes and scooters, observed personally: Recently travelling along Pelican Waters Bvd towards Caloundra Road, an e-bike passed me on the bicycle lane at over 70k; some time ago, a young teenager cut in front of a car in a lane next to mine, then maintained a 70k speed limit until it turned off onto a side street; multiple e-scooters 'doubling' more than one rider with one not wearing a helmet; an e-bike on a bike lane coming towards me as I travelled on the left side of the road at night with the bright light in my face; at night without lights on the back of the vehicle; children on e-bikes travelling at night on roadways without any lights; a general lack of awareness in many riders showing they fail to understand the movement of traffic. It's hard to believe a parent can fail to see the danger and allow their children to operate these vehicles in such dangerous conditions.