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Mr Tom Anderson
Chair, Weston Creek Community Council

Dear Mr Anderson

Tom

Hooning in Weston Creek and Molonglo


Thank you for writing to me about 'hooning' issues in the Weston Creek and Molonglo area. I agree with you that this is a problem that needs addressing, and I note Minister Gentleman has replied to you about actions being taken by the ACT Government and ACT Policing in particular. As the Road Safety Minister, I have responsibility for broad road safety policy, and for road rules. These policies and rules are clear that 'hooning' activities – such as speeding, drag racing, burnouts and other dangerous driving – are not acceptable and they attract significant penalties.

Unfortunately, people do continue to break the rules, and it is difficult to prevent in all circumstances. In these instances the best approach is to try to report offenders to local police, or to call Crime Stoppers. As Minister Gentleman has noted, the local police will be reminded about the issues you have reported.

As Road Safety Minister I also promote policies that improve the safe and easy movement around local neighbourhoods, such as slower speeds, pedestrian crossings, public transport, and accessible footpaths. As you are aware, in recent years, the Government has funded 'age friendly suburbs' improvements in Weston Creek, as well as taken other steps to improve safety and movement, such as introducing a 40kmh zone in Brierly Street (as part of a roll out of slower speeds to all town and group centres).

Thank you for writing to me about this issue. I would be interested in hearing an update on your concerns the next time we meet.

Yours sincerely,



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Minister for Road Safety

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