

FACT SHEET

Hooning & Speeding

Hooning is a dangerous behaviour that impacts the community and other road users, and poses a serious hazard to members of the public, drivers and their passengers. 'Hooning' is used to describe a number of anti-social behaviours conducted in a motor vehicle including excessive speeding, street racing, burn-outs, engine revving, and creating unnecessary noise



and smoke (including playing loud music from a car stereo).

As part of Council's ongoing commitment to road safety, Council collaborates with officers of the Queensland Police Service and the Department of Transport and

Main Roads through the 3E committee to discuss road safety issues from the aspect of education, enforcement and engineering.

Reporting Hooning

The primary agency responsible for the enforcement of road rules and response to poor driver behaviour (hooning) or speeding is the Queensland Police Service (QPS). Incidences of speeding or hooning can be reported to the police through their Hoon Hotline on 13HOON (134666). If the illegal activity poses an immediate danger to the safety of others you should contact Triple Zero, 000. The QPS also provides an On-Line Hoon Form where you can report hooning activities.

When reporting hooning to the police you should provide as much information about the incident as possible, including:

- Offending vehicle description (make, model, colour, body style etc.)
- Registration plates
- Nature of the hooning activity
- Time, date, and location of the offence

Traffic Calming in Response to Hooning and Speeding

Hooning is a conscious act committed by a small fraction of motorists, regardless of road conditions. Law enforcement remains the single most effective method for controlling hooning. **Council does not install traffic calming infrastructure to address hooning, as the installation of these devices does not reduce the occurrence of this behaviour.**

The installation of some devices (such as speed humps and chicanes) may actually increase instances of hooning, as they may provide a 'challenge' for hoons and promote hard braking and acceleration.

'50 IN MY STREET' Bin Stickers

Council has received funding for a number of '50 IN MY STREET' bin stickers under the Community Road Safety Grant provided by the Department of Transport and Main Roads. These stickers are aimed at increasing the speed limit awareness in

local streets that experience a significant occurrence of speeding from all motorists, not just a small number of anti-social drivers. In order to be eligible for these stickers, several criteria set out in the Department of Transport and Main Roads Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) must be met. These relate to the upper limit of the 15km/h pace, function of the road and current traffic volumes.

The 15km/h pace is the 15km/h speed range in which the largest percentage of vehicles is observed to travel.

