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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MACNAMARA

9 November 2021

To: City of Port Phillip, Mayor & Councillors
CC: City of Port Phillip, CEO

RE: BYLAWS TO TACKLE HOONING

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I write regarding the impact of 'hooning' for residents between Port Melbourne and Elwood.

I have been contacted by many local residents across the City of Port Phillip – from Port Melbourne down through South Melbourne and along the beach and surrounds in Middle Park, St Kilda and Elwood, about the impact of this hooning on their peace and security.

Dangerous driving and excessive speed, often by large groups on motorbikes, have a significant negative impact on families, people working from home and those just trying to sleep or get on with their day.

As we begin summer - a notorious time of the year for hoon behaviour - it is essential that Council works with Victoria Police to do all it can to reduce the negative impact of this behaviour.

I would urge Councillors to strongly consider adopting appropriate bylaws, which have been used by several Councils in Victoria, to empower police to take action against hoons and the power to issue on-the-spot fines for taking part in, encouraging or attending an illegal hooning event.

Other Councils which have introduced bylaws to crack down on hooning include Brimbank City Council, Frankston City Council, and Greater Dandenong Council similarly introduced a \$250 penalty. These measures have been well received by the community.

The dangerous driving puts lives at risk, especially children, and I urge you not to wait for yet another incident to occur on our local roads.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter to protect the safety and amenity of our local community this summer.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Josh Burns', with a large flourish extending to the right.

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