



7.2 Petition – Introduce ByLaws to Stop Hoons on Our Streets

An electronic Petition containing 199 signatures, was received from Josh Burns MP, Federal Member for MacNamara.

The Petition states the following:-

We call on the City of Port Phillip to introduce bylaws to target illegal hooning on our streets.

From Port Melbourne, down through South Melbourne and along the beach and surrounds in Middle Park, St Kilda and Elwood, hooning is disturbing the peace and security of our neighbourhoods.

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.

Summer has especially been 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.

We 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, the latter two introducing a \$500 and \$250 penalty respectively. These measures have been well received by the community. Dangerous driving puts lives at risk, especially children. We urge Council not to wait for yet another incident to occur on our local roads.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the petition.
2. Notes that a full response to this petition will be provided to a future Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil