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Tim,

This is a follow up to our meeting of a couple of months ago, as I expressed at that meeting I am very concerned with the amount of graffiti in our area. Take a drive out to Albany Creek and see what the mongrels did last night to the Albany Creek State School and adjacent buildings.

I believe we need tough legislation such as was introduced into South Australia in 2001

What we need to do is the following:-

- (1) Control the sale of spray cans, tyre black and etching tools by limiting the outlets that are licensed to sell these products. These licensed outlets could be your local paint shop and only they can sell these products.
- (2) These licensed outlets must keep a register recording to whom they sell these products, similar to the register currently kept by all Second Hand Dealers and Pawn shops
- (3) This information is then transferred to the Qld Police Service and is entered into a database as happens now with information sent by Second Hand Dealers and Pawn Shops(refer Fair Trading Act Qld)
- (4) When purchasing spray cans the purchaser must produce ID and the use to which the spray paint is to be used.
- (5) The register could be transferred electronically to the Police as happens now with most Pawn Shops and Second Hand Dealers
- (6) Sale of spray cans to minors is prohibited(which I believe is the case in Qld)
- (7) If the offender uses a car in the crime of graffiti the car is taken by the police and sold
- (8) Convicted offenders lose their drivers licence for up to 12 months
- (9) Convicted offenders participate in graffiti removal programs and if they fail to attend they are jailed
- (10) The licensed outlet must keep all spray cans under lock and key(you can walk into Bunnings and pick them up off the shelf)
- (11) When the court finds the offender guilty of graffiti attacks the court must order the offender to pay the owner of the property compensation as the court thinks fit

This is just an overview of what we need to deter graffiti offenders if you study the South Australian legislation it states in detail what they have set up.

It does not seem to me too difficult to me to limit the availability, keep a register of who buys the product and police monitor the register as they do now when looking for culprits who have stolen property and crooks are caught in this way.

I have been down this path With Murray Watt and he passed on my suggestions to the Attorney Generals Dept but all they did about it was to tell me Qld has the toughest graffiti laws in Australia. Rubbish how many graffiti offenders have gone to prison?

My ideas are to stop graffiti so our Police Service can do real police work

Do you know the Police Service has a graffiti task force, what a waste of manpower

Tim, what can you do to help?

Regards

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