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To Whom it may concern

I am writing to you to express my disapproval of the Government's stance on the issue of hooning.

I and many other motoring enthusiasts believe Road Safety is an important issue in this Country and I do not believe that Anti-Hooning Laws are addressing and or helping this issue for that matter.

Highly publicised Anti-Hoon Legislation has failed to address the real issue of this inappropriate and anti social behaviour and served only, with the aid of a one sided, negative and stereotypical view that is portrayed by the media, to turn the public and police against modified cars.

What the media has portrayed is exactly what the government has provided. An example of this can be taken from the hooning fact sheet provide by CARRS-Q where and I quote "80.5% of vehicles involved in hooning offences were cars or station wagon. Contrary to popular belief hooning need not occur in modified street machines but rather in common vehicles such as Holden commodores and ford falcons". "Almost two thirds of cars used in hooning offences (63.9%) were Holden's and fords." Evidence of this can clearly be found in any ACA or today tonight report on hooning. A copy of this document can be found via this address.

[http://www.carrsq.qut.edu.au/publications/corporate/hooning\\_fs.pdf](http://www.carrsq.qut.edu.au/publications/corporate/hooning_fs.pdf)

As genuine car enthusiasts, we as a group, have had enough of the victimisation and constant harassment we experience and endure when driving classic and modified cars - simply because our vehicles stand-out from non-enthusiast vehicles.

With the harassment we face many feel as if our rights as Australian's are being taken away from us by a government that is choosing to ignore the real facts about modified cars and the anti-social behaviour that is happening on our roads.

And with that im am speaking in regards to the new bill

*Police Powers & Responsibilities (Motor Vehicle Impoundment)  
and Other Legislation amendment Bill 2012.*

Tabled on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

In short the government plans to give police the power to be judge, jury and executioner. Where police will be able to impound and or forfeit your vehicle with out having to go to court for legal proceedings but instead the process will operate administratively rather than through court. Yet murders and rapist have a right to a fair trial? Where is the justice in that where enthusiast have less rights than, for a lack of a better word scum?

In this Country we have legislation to stop discrimination against minority groups of people, yet the Government has not only brought in poorly defined legislation, it is legislation that is derogatory and causing discrimination. As you are aware, the word "Hoon" is a derogatory term of unknown slang origin, and peculiar to Australia and New Zealand. This fact alone would indicate that Anti-Hoon legislation is discriminatory and has no place in the Australian democracy.

Building and driving these modified cars is our hobby, our lifestyle and our right as Australian citizens and doesn't only effect the owners of these vehicles but I doubt that many would consider the repercussions of the purposed legislation where many automotive related car shops may suffer from lack of revenue forcing business's to close and job losses.

I ask that the Government, as elected representatives of all Australians, repeal all anti hooning legislation; move to stop discrimination against classic and modified cars; and address the real issue of anti social behaviour on our roads in a genuine, realistic and responsible way by more police and

public education and less intimidation from the government and police.

Regards  
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