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To: [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)
Subject: FW: Anti "hoon" laws
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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 Hooning issue.

I believe Road Safety is an important issue in this country and I do not believe that Anti-Hooning Laws are addressing this issue.

Highly publicised Anti-Hoon Legislation has failed to address the real issue of this inappropriate behaviour and served only, with the aid of media sensationalism, to turn the public and police against classic and modified cars.

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

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 AntiHoon 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. It is a tradition that has been passed on through many generations, and is part of the Aussie Culture.

Yet we feel that 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 antisocial behaviour that is happening on our roads.

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.

Yours sincerely
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