

I am writing to you regarding the proposed changes to your tough new ANTI HOON Laws. As a car enthusiast I am insulted as been labeled and treated as a hoon. As the laws stand now we are discriminated and harassed by police, and saying if you do not do anything wrong you have nothing to worry about is very incorrect.

As a general rule if you are driving a so called modified vehicle you are targeted. These cars are not the cause of the road toll.

We are discriminated and harassed by being pulled over or out of a queue, doing nothing wrong just because you drive a nice old car and have to wait half to an hour as police try to find something wrong with your car.

To get a licence to do Road Worthy's or Mod plates you need to do 4 year apprenticeship and 8-10 years in the trade, yet police do 3 weeks as part of their training. There are a lot of gray areas where it is done correct but police misinterpret these rules especially on cars pre 72 with no ADR's.

I know of quite a few cars that have a Mod plate fitted, yet police give a ticket for it. For this reason illegal Mods can not be an impoundable offence instead there should be a repair or proof notice giving them a period of time to repair and show it done or get paperwork showing it is correct according to Department of Transport.

On all hooning offences the police should have enough evidence to stand up in court. Everyone should have the right to appeal against their conviction and if police don't have enough evidence, they should not write the ticket. ie Video footage, Tyre Marks, 2 or more officers witnessed.

A one vs one situation is not going to stand up in court without other evidence in an assault case and this is how it should be with hooning offences. I have no problems with harsh penalties if there is evidence and the right to appeal.

thanks Richard Wheeldon

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