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PROPOSED PENALTIES FOR DRINK/DRIVING OFFENCES

SECOND OFFENCE - LICENCE TO BE SUSPENDED FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD
OF FIVE(5) YEARS PLUS FINE

FOR DRIVING WHILE LICENCE IS SUSPENDED - FURTHER
PERIOD OF FIVE(5) YEARS WITHOUT LICENCE PLUS FINE

THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE - LICENCE TO BE SUSPENDED FOR A FURTHER
MINIMUM PERIOD OF FIVE(5) YEARS PLUS FINE
AND/OR JAIL TIME MINIMUM

FOR AN OFFENCE DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENCE - BE PREVENTED FROM HOLDING A
LICENCE FOR MINIMUM OF FIVE(5) YEARS
PLUS FINE

FOR AN OFFENCE WHILE HOLDING PROVISIONAL LICENCE OR LEARNER'S PERMIT -
BE PREVENTED FROM HOLDING A LICENCE FOR A
MINIMUM PERIOD OF FIVE(5) YEARS PLUS FINE

FOR OFFENCE WHILE DRIVING UNREGISTERED VEHICLE -

BE PREVENTED FROM HOLDING A LICENCE FOR A
FURTHER MINIMUM PERIOD OF ONE(1) YEAR PLUS FINE

SUGGEST SET UP OF NATIONAL DATA BASE OR COLLECT AS MUCH
INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE TO RECORD OFFENCES

YOURS FAITHFULLY

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PROPOSED PENALTIES FOR DRINK DRIVING OFFENCE

THIS IS AN ADDENDUM TO MY PREVIOUS LETTER

- BEHAVIOURAL THINKING PATTERNS BY THE COMMUNITY WILL NEED TO CHANGE TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED OUTCOME.
- THE BEST DETERRENT IN MY OPINION WOULD BE TO WITHDRAW THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING ALLOWED TO DRIVE A VEHICLE.
- THE PROPOSED VEHICLE IMPOUNDMENT IS COMBERSOME AND FULL OF DIFFICULTY FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS :-
 - 1 WE LIVE IN AN AFFLUENT SOCIETY • ANOTHER VEHICLE COULD BE OBTAINED
 - 2 VEHICLE MAY NOT BE OWNED BY DRIVER
 - 3 VEHICLE MAY BE UNDER A HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENT
 - 4 IT MAY BE THAT VEHICLE IS AN "OLD BOMB" OR IN A DAMAGED CONDITION, VEHICLE MAY BE A MOTOR BIKE, LARGE TRUCK, TRAILER OR OTHER VEHICLE.
 - 5 STORAGE OF SEIZED VEHICLES SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION PENDING OUTCOME OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED CHANGES MAJORITY OF OFFENDERS MUST REALIZE THAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE CAUGHT AND FOR THAT PURPOSE POLICE SHOULD HAVE A HELICOPTER SERVICE • IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THEY HAVE LIMITATIONS WHEN IT COMES TO HOT VEHICLE PURSUITS.

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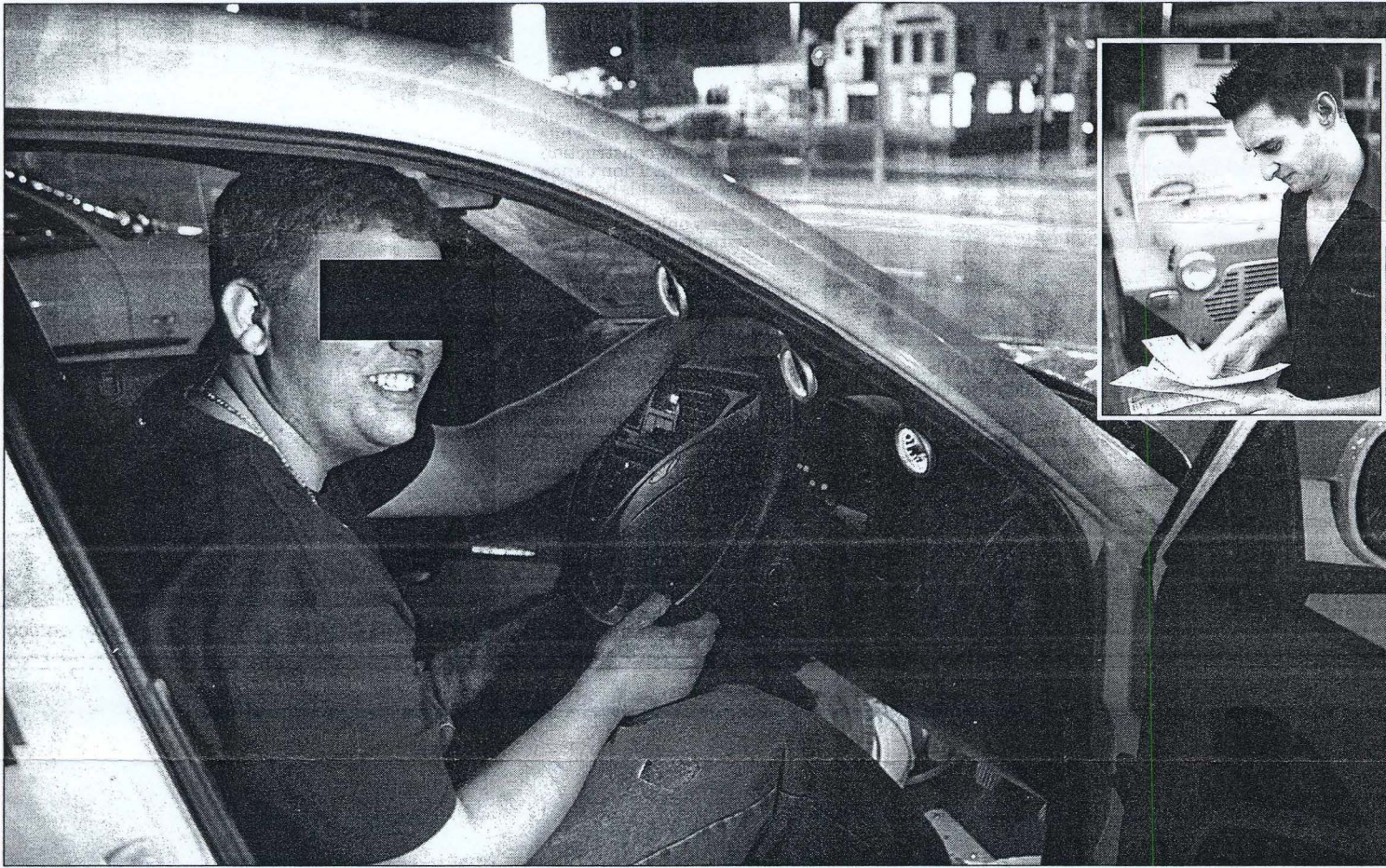
THE ENCLOSED ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE "SUNDAY MAIL" ON
26 MARCH 2006 SUPPORTS MY PROPOSAL FOR MORE STRINGENT
MINIMUM PENALTIES

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our streets



ADRENALIN RUSH: Sean, 19, shows off his car which has hit 220km/h; and (inset) reformed hoon Paul Wilsher with some of his traffic fines

'Speed cameras won't get me and neither will the cops'

HE'S lost his licence several times, and he's not even out of his teens.

Adam, 18, doesn't look old enough to be on the road, but when it comes to reckless driving, he's a veteran.

"I've reached speeds of up to 210km/h in a 60 zone," he told *The Sunday Mail*.

"The cops know me. I first got my licence in February last year but I've already lost it, mostly for drink-driving and speeding.

"I got it back in September, but I think I'm going to lose it again on Monday because I don't have any points left.

"But I'll still drive without

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it. I do it because I like the adrenalin rush. We just drove here from Aspley and did about 160km/h most of the way."

Adam was speaking at Morayfield, about 20km from Aspley in northern Brisbane, where a group of 30 young people were gathered on Thursday night in a shopping centre car park to show off their cars.

Kids as young as 14 are joining gangs of youths to watch the hoons race on suburban streets on

Brisbane's northern outskirts.

Armed with deckchairs and alcoholic drinks, they line the streets as hoons race each other at speeds of up to 220km/h in 60km/h zones.

Adam said: "The speed cameras won't get me and neither will the cops. They would have to turn around and go pretty fast to get us.

"My parents don't know the half of it."

Sean, 19, proudly showed off his vehicle, complete with stereo equipment worth almost \$2000 and other accessories.

"I've gone up to 220km/h,"

he said. "I do think about what could go wrong, but I like the adrenalin rush."

"I've been fined \$700 for doing 95 in a 50 zone and lost my licence for six months."

The youngsters insist they're simply living out their dreams. "All our money goes into our cars," said Adam.

Self-described "former hoon" Paul Wilsher, 22, racked up 33 demerit points in two years for a range of offences including speeding, drink-driving and using his mobile behind the wheel. He lost his licence for six months.

Mr Wilsher, who hasn't had an infringement in six

months, warns other young people about the dangers of speeding and drink-driving.

"I had no concern for other people or the law, and driving just became a part of that recklessness. You don't think you will get caught, but you will."

Mr Wilsher said young people needed to be aware they could easily become a victim of hooning — or kill someone else.

"You see car crashes on the road and it's a real shock if you put yourself in that car and imagine suffering that sort of shocking trauma."

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PROPOSED PENALTIES FOR DRINK/DRIVING OFFENCES

- MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT SHOULD NOT BE DISTRACTED FROM MAKING HARSH LAWS TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM BEING KILLED, MAIMED OR INJURED. THIS RESULTS IN PERSONAL LOSS TO NUMEROUS PEOPLE AND A HUGE LOSS TO THE COMMUNITY. LEGISLATION NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED ON A REGULAR BASIS.
- THE MAIN AIM OF THE LEGISLATION SHOULD BE TO MAKE A QUICK, EFFECTIVE AND ECONOMIC SOLUTION.
- IF IRRESPONSIBLE PEOPLE AS A RESULT, LOSE THEIR LICENCE, ARE FINED OR SERVE A PERIOD OF TIME IN JAIL THEN SO BE IT. THIS WILL CREATE PROBLEMS FOR THEM AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY. IT WILL ALSO RESULT IN SOME ADJUSTMENT TO THEIR LIVING. PEOPLE ARE ADAPTIBLE TO CHANGE.
- AT PRESENT THE SIX (6) MONTH DISQUALIFICATION OF LICENCE FOR AN OFFENCE IS OBVIOUSLY INADEQUATE. DRIVING IS A PRIVILEGE.

EDUCATION

- MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN DECIDED UPON SHOULD BE ON DISPLAY AT :- ALL QUEENSLAND TRANSPORT OFFICES, POLICE STATIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICES WHERE OFFENDORS ARE LIKELY TO VISIT.
- A FIRM MESSAGE ABOUT PENALTY AND DETERENT MEASURES SHOULD BE SENT OUT TO THE COMMUNITY BY EVERY MEANS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO HIGH USAGE TIMES BY VEHICLES ON OUR ROADS.

ADD BECAUSE OF THE TOPOGRAPHY AND NUMBER OF VEHICLES IN QUEENSLAND MEMBERS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO "BREAK NEW GROUND" WITH SUITABLE LEGISLATION TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED RESULT.

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