



Speech By Hon. Leeanne Enoch

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ADJOURNMENT

Logan City, Hooning

Hon. LM ENOCH (Algester—ALP) (9.06 pm): In October last year, the former Miles government announced an election commitment of \$1 million to fund additional anti-hooning cameras across Logan City equipped with automatic numberplate recognition and facial recognition technology. This funding was also intended to support the integration of Logan City Council's CCTV network with the Queensland Police Service, along with the development of technology capable of detecting vehicles without licence plates. This election commitment was aimed at assisting the Queensland Police Service to tackle hooning and other dangerous driving behaviours not only in my electorate of Algester but also throughout the wider Logan community.

In 2023 the former Miles Labor government passed new hooning laws to strengthen Queensland's stance against reckless driving. Under those laws, we made it an offence to spectate at hooning events, to organise or promote such meet-ups and to film or photograph hooning activities with the intent to publicise them. In addition, the laws introduced tougher measures targeting offending drivers, including a stricter approach to vehicle impoundment and forfeiture, sending a clear message that dangerous driving will not be tolerated.

As everyone in this House knows, hooning is not just an annoying problem often interrupting quiet evenings at home; it is a serious threat. It endangers drivers, passengers and innocent bystanders, putting lives at risk. Residents in my electorate consistently tell me that they are fed up with the excessive noise at night and the wilful destruction of our roads. Just recently I met with concerned Browns Plains residents Justin, Shilo and Aaron who highlighted the ongoing hooning issues along Browns Plains Road and the everyday disruption it is having on many residents. In Regents Park where I live, many residents, including Jennifer, have raised concerns about the late-night disruption of hooning. Similarly, Lynn, the Forestdale Neighbourhood Watch area coordinator, has reached out multiple times over the past month about hooning on Johnson Road and Forestdale Drive. The Hillcrest Neighbourhood Watch has also raised concerns about similar poor behaviour on Peverell Street and other local roads.

With the growing number of hooning reports coming into the offices of state members across Logan, we are deeply concerned about the ongoing threat to public safety. The proposed investment by the former Miles government would have enhanced surveillance and enforcement technology and armed our hardworking police officers with extra technology to identify and deter dangerous driving behaviours. While this is not the only piece in the puzzle to minimise hooning incidents in Logan, it is certainly a critical step in the right direction.

The Crisafulli LNP government must take decisive action and invest in more CCTV smart technology cameras to support our frontline police and support the residents of Logan. I urge the government to commit to this vital initiative in their upcoming budget and prioritise the safety of residents not just in the Algester electorate but right across Logan. The residents of Logan deserve support from this government, and the opposition will continue to call for that.