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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your correspondence of 13 August 2020 relating to petition 3362-20 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly about driver behavior within the Coomera electorate.

I can advise that this Government is delivering new high-tech cameras, including an expanded fleet of drones to target hooning in known hotspots in Queensland.

This new technology will add to the existing network of thousands of traffic cameras across the state and will make it much easier for police to catch hoons and to take strong action against them. Police will have high-tech night vision capable cameras that can be deployed covertly, operated by an officer, or deployed on a drone.

Complementing the new camera technology this Government is looking to expand existing laws, including shifting the onus of proof onto the vehicle owner, which means, if the owner claims they were not driving the vehicle at the time of the offence, it will be up to them to prove it.

Putting the onus on the owner, would allow police to take greater advantage of the hooning footage captured by CCTV cameras and it will provide police with enhanced flexibility when dealing with gatherings of hoons.

These tough new tactics will complement what are already the harshest hoon penalties in the nation and will add to the arsenal of enforcement measures being used by police to target hooning on Queensland's roads, which includes:

- Intelligence-driven enforcement with covert patrols
- Monitoring of all forms of social media to take swift action
- Hoon Hotline 13HOON
- High-visibility patrols
- Dedicated Road Policing officers
- POLAIR aerial surveillance
- Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology
- Road safety camera trailers
- Thousands of traffic cameras across the state
- Police drone fleet

Significant penalties are already in place for hooning offences, including fines of up to \$5,338; and imprisonment of up to 6 months.

In addition, police have the power to impound, immobilise and confiscate the vehicle used in the commission of certain offences.

In a further win for community safety in Coomera, construction of the new Pimpama police facility has been fast-tracked for completion by the end of 2021. This \$6 million facility will deliver an increase in service delivery and keep the community safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Ryan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP
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