SO THE CLP WANT BUSINESSES TO BE TRUANCY OFFICERS?

"Not a good idea," says Loraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling.

"The small business operators I have spoken with are concerned at the ramifications if they are expected to challenge any juvenile in their shop during school hours".

"It works in communities where families are well-known and the community supports the store but in town it could place store staff at risk if they refuse service".

"I have advocated for store staff to call the police if students are in a shop during school hours. The Education Act clearly states this is a role of police".

"Better still, the government should provide Truancy Officers with the power to escort the student back to school as stipulated in the Education Act".

"Has the CLP read these provisions in the Education Act?".

"It would be more fruitful to lobby the government to enforce its legislation, as well as encourage students to recognise the value of attending school".

Mrs Braham said a better slogan would be *I'm at school - I am no fool - I know the rules!*