TIME FOR GOVERNMENT TO ACT ON HOONS

"The Government has had plenty of time to act against hoons but they have allowed this destructive behaviour to run unabated", says Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson.

"In Parliament tomorrow I will call on government to bring in changes that will toughen up the present weak laws".

Mr Wood said impounding of a hoon's vehicle is the first option interstate but in the NT the penalty is simply an infringement notice.

"Strong laws in other states have seen hoons learn the lesson - whilst there are thousands of vehicles impounded for a first offence, statistics show few hoons are penalised with a further impounding for a second offence".

"My proposal will see a hoon's vehicle impounded for 48 hours for a first offence. A second offence will attract impoundment up to three months. If they fail to learn the lesson, a third offence will see the vehicle forfeited to the state".

"This proposal mirrors interstate laws".

"Why does the NT government allow hoons to risk the safety of the public?"

"A strong message to hoons should be given by strong penalties and I trust the government will give consideration to my proposal".

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