Territorians agree, it is not worth my wheels

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New anti-hooning and road safety legislation is set to come into effect with Territorians throwing their support behind the proposed changes to the Traffic Act.

Minister for Police and Transport Peter Chandler said the new legislation will improve road safety across the Territory by providing a strong deterrent to repeat offenders.

“The majority of Territorians take care on the road but, there is a small minority who think they are above the law,” Mr Chandler said.

“The new legislation has some of the toughest impoundment laws in Australia for a reason. That reason is saving lives. Repeat offenders will be stopped in their tracks.”

Over six weeks Territorians submitted their feedback on the proposed new laws with the majority of responses strongly supporting the measures.

Mr Chandler said that harsher penalties for drink and drug driving received the strongest support with 81 per cent strongly agreeing and 70 per cent putting their support behind tougher penalties for hooning and dangerous driving.

“Many responses highlighted repeat offences as a major concern and a number of responses indicated that the proposed measures didn’t quite go far enough.

“We are hearing the public’s concerns loud and clear. Take away offender’s vehicles and we take away their ability to commit dangerous and reckless driving offences.”

The government will now consider the outcomes of the public consultation with the legislation to be introduced into Parliament later this year. If passed, the new changes will commence on 1 December 2015.

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Existing and new impounding provisions.