



Item 7.2 Response to Speeding Vehicles and excessive traffic noise in Port Phillip

A change.org Petition containing 523 signatures was received from local residents.

The Petition states the following:-

There is nothing better as the weather heats up than being able to take the family to the beach for the summer months.

Every year, however, warm weather tends to bring on reckless behaviour...from motorcyclists to drivers wanting to show off their cars or their driving prowess to speeding truckies.

Whilst there is a 60km speed limit down Beach St (and 40km on Bay St which I rarely see acknowledged), this does not deter these drivers...and the lack of police resourcing to correct speeding behaviour is restricted to one vehicle only across an extensive area.

I would like something to be done about this so that families including innocent children are kept safe as they cross busy Beach St from Todd Rd all the way down to the St Kilda area (and no doubt beyond). This could either be by installing cameras on posts to provide speeding fines, speed bumps or greater resourcing on the roads.

Main streets of concern:

- Beach St, Port Melbourne
- Bay St, Port Melbourne
- Graham St, Port Melbourne
- Ingles St, Port Melbourne
- Pickles St, Port Melbourne
- Williamstown Rd, Port Melbourne
- The Boulevard, Port Melbourne
- Todd Rd, Port Melbourne
- Kerferd Rd, Albert Park
- City Rd, South Melbourne
- Canterbury Rd, Middle Park

Please sign (and share) this petition before a tragic accident happens.

OFFICER COMMENT

Council is aware of the speeding, hooning, noise and antisocial behaviour on main roads in the City of Port Phillip.

Whilst, the Victoria Police have the enforcement powers over speeding, hoon activities and noisy vehicles, Council officers are continuing to meet and work with the Police to address these issues. The Police have advised that they have increased patrols over summer and

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plan to have targeted campaigns along the 'hot spots' areas of the foreshore to crack down on poor driver behaviour.

Residents can contact the Crime Stoppers Hoon Hotline on 1800 333 000 or online at www.crimestoppersvic.com.au to report hoon activities.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) provides information on transport noise. Their advice to Council is that, in addition to Victoria police, issues on main roads such as Beaconsfield Parade should be raised with the Department of Transport (DoT).

Advice from the DoT is that they are aware of these issues and that the Minister has responded to a petition. Council will continue to raise the issues with DoT at our regular meetings.

Although these matters are outside of Council's authority, we will continue to work with Victoria Police and DoT and offer our assistance to support joint operations run by Victoria Police and DoT.

Requests for speed cameras will be included in discussions with the Police. (Noting that only the Department of Justice can approve the installation of speed cameras).

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- Acknowledges the concerns of the community in relation to speeding, hoon activities and noisy vehicles along main roads such as Beach Road corridor.
- Notes that Council officers will continue to meet with Victoria Police and the Department of Transport to discuss these issues and investigate options such as road safety cameras, variable message signs and other treatments to deter this behaviour.
- Requests the Department of Transport review the speed limit and road safety signs along main roads such as Beach Road corridor.
- Offers assistance for any joint operations run by Victoria Police and the Department of Transport.
- Advises the petition organiser of this resolution.

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ATTACHMENTS Nil