

# Aggressive Driving (Hooning)

## FACT SHEET

*Speeding, Illegal drag racing, burnouts, and other reckless driver behaviour (also known as hooning) can pose many risks to the community.*

*This behaviour affects all road users and members of the public, including the driver and their passengers.*

### Reporting Incidences of Speeding

If active life-threatening driver behaviour is observed, **000** should be phoned.

The Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC) receives many requests to address speeding. However, Council does not have the statutory powers to enforce this issue.

Incidences of speeding and/or reckless driver behaviour should therefore be directed to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) via Policelink.

**Policelink Phone: 13HOON (134666)**

Web: [www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/policelink/](http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/policelink/)

When reporting a hooning incident provide police with the following:

- Description of the vehicle/s;
- Vehicle registration;
- Time;
- Date;
- Place;
- Description of the driver;
- Description and number of any occupants.

FCRC are working actively with QPS to promote road safety and improve driver behaviour.

### Traffic Calming

Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) is a method of addressing inappropriate driver behaviour in the context of a local precinct or road. The aims of LATM is to constrain excessive vehicle speeds, to protect vulnerable road users through the adoption of the safe systems approach, improve road safety and amenity and to discourage drivers from taking short cuts through local streets (rat running). LATM may range from single treatments to areas wide treatments.

LATM devices are not suitable for all areas and particular care is given by Council to the impacts of traffic-calming on the local network.

It is often believed that the installation of LATM devices will reduce reckless driver behaviour. Unfortunately, this is often not the case and can introduce undesirable effects.

As this activity is often engaged in by a very small percentage of road users, law enforcement provides for the most meaningful and effective management of this behaviour.

### Legislation

State government has enacted legislation giving powers to Queensland Police to address speeding and other forms of reckless behaviour.

The police anti-hooning measures allows for the confiscation of vehicles where drivers are found to be engaging in dangerous driving and illegal driving behaviour.

These powers came into effect in November 2002 and were amended under the 'Police Powers and Responsibilities (Motor Vehicle Impoundment) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012'.