



# Hoon Driving Behaviour

## Information Sheet

Hoon driving activities such as burnouts, screaming brakes, engine revving, travelling at excessively high speed, or on the wrong side of the roadway is a nuisance and dangerous practice that can cause anxiety and concern amongst residents. Response to these activities falls within the role of the South Australian Police (SAPOL).

The City of Charles Sturt Council encourages residents to report hoon driving activities as they happen to the SAPOL Traffic Watch Program by telephoning 131 444. Should hoon activity continue on the same day, next week or at any time, residents are encouraged to repeatedly report each incident. This allows SAPOL to build a picture of where most of the hoon driving activity is occurring and to develop strategies that will best stop these activities in your street. The Police Office will ask for the following information:

- The location of the hoon driving activity;
- The time of the hoon driving activity;
- The actual hoon driving activities;
- A description of the vehicle and if possible the registration number; and
- Your personal information so SAPOL can contact you again.

The hoon drivers will not be advised of your personal details. If SAPOL is able to prosecute the hoon driver and that person makes an appeal, SAPOL may ask you to attend the court appeal to improve their case. Your attendance is voluntary.

You may call the Traffic Watch Program at anytime to ask how the SAPOL response and investigation is proceeding.

## What can the City of Charles Sturt do about Hoon Driving and Speeding?

There is little that the Council can do to prevent hoon driving activities. Installing traffic controls in local streets such speed plateaus, islands, medians, slow points, roundabouts and kerb buildouts are not effective against hoon driving activities as they cannot be installed close enough to each other to prevent some of the activities. Instead, traffic controls can be used to deter drivers from using a particular street and/or reduce the speeds that most people will drive along the street.

Sometimes residents report too much traffic and general speeding in local streets to SAPOL. Too much traffic and general speeding is best reported to the Council. We will undertake a traffic investigation including traffic counts, speed data, vehicle type, visit the site and obtain crash data to determine the extent of these activities. Where there is a clear and repeated unlawful traffic activity, the Council forwards this information to the SAPOL Traffic Watch Program.

The traffic investigation will be used by us to decide whether the traffic issue is sufficient to consider installing traffic controls in the street. If this is the case a project bid will be prepared with the priority for funding based on the severity of the traffic issues.

**For further information visit SAPOL's Traffic Watch program at**  
[www.sapolice.sa.gov.au/sapol/road\\_safety/traffic\\_watch.jsp](http://www.sapolice.sa.gov.au/sapol/road_safety/traffic_watch.jsp)