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Inquiry into the impact of revised speed limits in Civic – Petitions 31-21 and 38-21

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Hello,

I wanted to be involved in the inquiry that you are undertaking relating to the new 40km/h speed zones in Civic.

The ACT Government sent me:

- an Infringement Notice for their new 40km zone on Northbourne Avenue/London Circuit on 07/07/2021.
- an Infringement Notice for their new 40km zone on Northbourne Avenue/London Circuit on 28/07/2021. But it was my husband driving my car and he had gone to his office to pick up a laptop

I wrote to David Smith MP on 30/07/2021 and was referred to Dr Marisa Paterson who referred me to Tara Cheyne and I finally got a response on the 27/08/2021. I then wrote to Mark Parton on 18/09/2021 but he was not able to assist me either as Tara Cheyne gave him the same response.

The response from Tara Cheyne was all about what a magnificent job she had done in implementing the new 40km zone and how much advertising she had done. She also stated that she could not get involved on my behalf to have the Infringement Notice from 07/07/2021 withdrawn. It was a very cold, clinical response that did not take into consideration what I had written, it was very self-defensive and not attempting to empathise with her constituent.

I wrote the following :

I have been sent an Infringement Notice for the new 40km zone on Northbourne Avenue/London Circuit on 07/07/2021.

This was a surprise to me as I have been working from home & on the day in question I went to pick up my son from work. I was confused about the signage and were it applied.

I didn't hear anything specifically about it. Their communication has been very poor. I don't know why they wouldn't have a Grace Period and send a warning notice before implementing penalties.

I have never received any infringement notice for speeding & find this gut wrenching. Is the ACT Government so fiscally poor that they need to do this revenue raising in this current climate of COVID-19 uncertainty??

I work in a Federal Government Department and the public is my client, we are always told to stand in the shoes of the client to see what they are saying and how they are feeling. Obviously when you are a Minister you don't need to do that.

Please decide to withdraw the Infringement notices for July. There really should have been a grace period where a warning notice was sent and then begin to issue penalties – that would have been fair. The way it has been done, it really does seem it is for revenue raising rather than safety.

Thanks.

Regards,

Irma Briggs



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