



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Mr Peter Cain MLA (Chair), Dr Marisa Paterson (Deputy Chair),
Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Submission Cover Sheet

Inquiry into Dangerous Driving

Submission Number: 015

Date Authorised for Publication: 10 October 2022

To: [REDACTED]
Subject: LA Committee - JCS
Date: FW: Inquiry on Dangerous Driving
Attachments: Sunday, 25 September 2022 9:00:54 AM
image001.png

Caution: This email originated from outside of the ACT Government. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

[Learn why this is important](#)

Name of Committee and Enquiry: The Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety – Inquiry into Dangerous Driving

Author's name: Jennifer Walton

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Please accept this email as my submission to the Inquiry into Dangerous Driving. I make the following statements in respect to the terms of reference which refers: "any other related measure with respect to the administration of corrections, courts and sentences in the ACT with respect to dangerous driving":

- As a [REDACTED] I have witnessed (both through sight and sound) many occasions where people have been hooning or driving in an unsafe manner. The evidence of this behaviour can be seen on the roads around Weston Creek where the black marks from car tires are on many roads.
- On one occasion at [REDACTED] (the Cotter Road and Streeton Drive intersection) I witnessed a driver doing burnouts in the middle of the intersection during the day on a weekday. Drivers at the intersection stayed at their respective traffic lights while this individual spun his car around, smoking the tires and drifting around the intersection. It was very frightening to watch because there was potential for the car to hit another car or a pedestrian. I videoed the incident and rang the Police but they said they didn't want the recording because I couldn't give them a registration number. They did say other people had also rang but I was pretty disappointed by the lack of response. I have since deleted the video and am sorry but I don't have a recollection of the time other than I think it was 2019.
- On another occasion I was walking down a Renmark Street in Rivett on my own when several cars turned from Burrinjuck Crescent at high speed (seemingly chasing each other) and were well over the wrong side of the road. Some of the cars then drove very fast (it's a 50k area) up the road and one stopped in the middle of the road in front of Eungella St and placed his car across the road. It was very weird behaviour and unnerved me, so I started walking really quickly to get out of the area and thankfully I saw another person walking, so I caught up to them.
- [REDACTED] we would often hear cars during the day and at night screeching their tires and held our breath thinking we were going to hear an accident. Sometimes we did – one person took the intersection too fast and hit the stone wall beside the traffic lights head on. Since we

[REDACTED], we have also seen another can at Weston in a similar position where it has hit the stone wall.

- Also, a semi-regular cyclist I'm very aware of the potential impact of dangerous driving. There is an area on Brindabella Road from Cotter Road going towards Uriarra Village where the whole road is blackened by car tires from burnouts. This is a route often used by cyclists which makes it potentially risky.
- While hooning wasn't the only reason we moved [REDACTED] [REDACTED] it certainly was one of the factors.
- I accept that catching people driving dangerously is difficult, but it appears to be a culture that has developed in Canberra and I think the community needs to understand why people do this and measures put in place to minimise the risks.

I am happy for my submission to be published on the website in full with my name.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission and for your efforts in making Canberra a safer place to live.

Regards

Jen Walton